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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. Best.—The originator of the Queensberry rules (the Marquis) died on January 31, 1900.

J. G. Clements.—Nat Langham beat Tom Sayers on October 18, 1853.

R. Smith.—1. F. Slavin and the "Cooler" met once at the Central Hall, London. 2. A is correct.

A. Weelon.—He made a tour in this country about four years ago.

T. Collins.—1. Points are given for attack and defence. 2. Stamina is required.

W. B.—He is a native of Newcastle.

A. L. A.—1. He was disqualified in the fourth round. 2. You must pay.

F. K.—1. They ride the forward seat like Sloan. 2. Yes, many recently.

Constant Subscriber.—Terry McGovern beat Joe Bernstein in seven rounds on November 2, 1900.

Hon. Sec.—They met in a contest at Wonderland.

C. Stevenson.—Yes.

H. R.—1. They boxed at 10st 6lb. 2. You do not state which one.

C. Howes.—1. The London Prize Ring rules are not followed. 2. He is not champion.

J. Pollit.—The amount is £33.

T. Lower.—1. The letter was too long for insertion. 2. You must give your name fully—not for publication, but in good faith.

O. B. I.—1. He is a coloured youth. 2. Only recently.

H. Richards.—1. He rode last year. 2. Never previously in this country.

G. Western.—Their heights, weights, and measurements were published with the records some time since.

H. T.—1. It was for £200 a-side and the championship. 2. A draw.

J. R. O.—The first Derby was won by Diamond on May 4, 1780.

D. A.—Flying Fox was sold for 37,500gs.

G. Lash.—No.

G. C. Campbell.—The photo received with record, thanks. Will be inserted shortly.

J. Garland.—1. Worth 1,675ovs. 2. M. Cannon.

G. Morris.—One being English and the other American, they fought for the heavy-weight championship of the world.

George Grimm (Liverpool).—1. The German Emperor requested the Reichstag, out of respect to our late Queen, to adjourn, but the German Reichstag refused to do so. 2. The German people are only in love with themselves. No use for the Englishman. 3. Hoch der Kaiser will be published as soon as we obtain copy. 4. Undoubtedly crazy.

Geo. C. Campbell.—Letter received, we will look it through.

Harry Thorne.—The account sent to us was signed in your name.

David Davies (Abercrane).—Try Ward and Lock, publishers, Fleet Street.

Michael Barrey (Killarney).—The Art of Boxing gives full instructions.

J. Robinson (Dudley).—Thomas Sharkey was born November 26, 1873, at Dundalk, Ireland.

H. Hudson.—It was not in the acceptances.

Ernie Stanton.—Letters received; we note contents, but cannot find room for it.

H. Standridge.—1. Star Pointer is a pacer, not trotter. 2. American.

Alf Gee.—1. No. 2. Below the falls.

Cogan (Beaufort).—1. About 3st. 2. Do you mean Dave Wallace or Fred Johnson? The latter lost after going the full journey.

(Several Answers crowded out).

JACK O'BRIEN (OUR LATEST ARRIVAL) AND HARRY SMITH, OF BIRMINGHAM.

SAMMY KELLY AND WILL CURLEY.

LAST CHAPTER OF THE ANTICIPATED JEFFRIES v. RUHLIN CONTEST.

Our most recent importation, Jack O'Brien—whose portrait, together with life and adventures, we recently gave in The Mirror of Life—is the first American boxer of any importance this year who has obtained his first job outside the walls of the N.S.C. There is as much rivalry in boxing as in football. Often a professor of boxing, when introducing a clever pupil—made clever solely under his instruction—has the mortification of seeing that clever pupil captured by some boxing club, who straightaway enter the youth for an amateur championship, the club receiving the credit often due solely to the professor. The ink was hardly dry on The Mirror of Life sheet concerning the doings of Jack O'Brien, otherwise Hagan, when, like an octopus, other arms were stretched forth to induce Jack to sail under one of the Fleet Street banners so ready to hang their folds over all foreign arrivals. Consequently, instead of making his début at the N.S.C., O'Brien will appear at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, on Monday next (February 25). Jack's opponent will be one Harry Smith, of Birmingham, who not long since made such a game fight with Jem Richardson, of Honolulu. The American will concede the man from Brum. six pounds, and if Jack is at all up to his reputation, this we think he can easily accomplish. Jack O'Brien's record is almost unparalleled in the history of boxing. O'Brien's history sayeth that he (Jack) is the hero of sixty wins, with only one defeat, and that early in his career, by "Young" Peter Jackson. Jack O'Brien, when he came to this country, wished to back himself against the best middle-weight, or give Jack Scales a few pounds, for a century of his own money. The American has now signed articles to box Harry Smith for £50 a-side and a purse of £150, making £250 in all, given by Jack Haggerty, the once famous swimmer and ped. of Stalybridge, who has succeeded Mr. Richard Thornton in the management of Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, Mr. Thornton vacating the above when the police prosecuted for allowing betting over the Burge v. Driscoll fiasco. Jack O'Brien is now training at Tynemouth, whilst Harry Smith is also being looked after in the far north—Sunderland.

Another match, which will take place at Ginnett's Circus on March 11, is one between Sammy Kelly, of New York, and Will Curley, of Newcastle. The lads meet at 8st 11lb, with 4oz gloves, for £200 a-side, and Jack Haggerty's purse of £200. Will Curley must be an exceptionally lucky lad to find backing for £200 so soon after his defeat by Jack Roberts. In the old time a man would go hungry to bed many a time, travel round the sporting drums of the metropolis, and show exceptional form after sustaining a defeat before a backer loomed in sight. This was the case with Jem Mace, after his defeat by Bob Brettle; and this was also the case with Dan Thomas, after being beaten by Brooks, of Norwich. (We mention these cases because Jem Mace and Dan Thomas are still living, and cannot deny the truth of our assertions. Dead men tell no tales.) In Sammy Kelly Will Curley will meet a sticker of the Jack Roberts breed, for our readers will remember it was only in the eleventh hour that Sammy Kelly pulled the fight out of the fire with Billy Plimmer. In fact, some of the spectators, looking upon Sammy Kelly as a lost cause, had paid over their bets, vacated their seats, and gone home. Now, the difference between Will Curley and Billy Plimmer is this: In 1893 Billy Plimmer defeated George Dixon in four rounds, more than six years afterwards George Dixon, in spite of Will Curley's hugging, clinching, and everything reprehensible in boxing, defeats the Newcastle man before the expiration of the allotted number of rounds. We have no doubt Will Curley has improved since then; and no doubt, we think, has Sammy Kelly. Both Sammy Kelly and Harry Harris, when they came to this country, expressed their intention of training at the Hope Inn, Dudley, kept by Tom Dolan; but very likely the pair reckoned without their host or backer. A rich Birmingham speculator, who won a mint of money over the American jockeys last racing season, thinking he will now give a bit of the money a chance on the American boxers, has sent Harry Harris and Sammy Kelly to Kingswinford, where, under the care of Tom Oxborrow, of the Cross Hotel, a once famous cycling athlete, the pair are getting on famously. Jabez White is going to teach the young idea how to shoot—that is, shoot out left and right in a manner which Jabez thinks is entirely his own.

The boxing contest between J. J. Jeffries and Gus Ruhlin, which had been fixed to take place at the Saengerest Hall, Cincinnati, last Friday night is off. The Governor of Ohio granted a permanent injunction, and the match will stand postponed until the case has been carried to the Supreme Court and a final decision reached.

JEM BARRY, OF ST. JAMES'S,

Who Met Tom Dixon, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, at Ginnett's Circus, February 18.

(With Portrait.)

Jem Barry was born in St. James's in 1875. Beat W. Levy, 3rds; beat W. Thatcher, 3½rds; defeated by Jem Adams, 10rds; beat W. Kelly, 6rds; beat Dave Gough, 8rds; won an open 8st competition, beating Dan Donovan and Bob Gamster; beat Ted Boyton in 2½ rounds; defeated by Mike McGough in France in a 12rds contest; beat Bill Van in 2½rds; beat Solly, 10rds; beaten by Ted Marlow; beat C. Meacock; beat Alf Olding, 1½rd; beat Corporal Tasker, 2½rds; draw, 4rds, Alf Garrett; beat Fred Manse; defeated by Jack Roberts; beaten by Ted Marlow, 10rds; draw with Ted Marlow, 12rds; beat Harry Camis, 10rds; beaten by Bill Brierly, 20rds; beat Steve Smith, 6rds; knocked out Arthur Willoughby, 6rds; beaten by Ted Marlow, 20rds; Tom Dixon, at the N.S.C., 7rds; met Tom Dixon, at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, February 18, and won in 9rds.

JACK SCALES,

Who Was to Have Met George Chrisp at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle-on-Tyne, February 18.

(With Portrait.)

Jack Scales is in the heavy-weight division, and tips the beam at 12st, standing 5ft 10½in, and is twenty-five years of age. The most prominent of his successes were gained in 1½rd over Tom Lees, of Australia; 5rds beat "Starlight" at N.S.C.; 3rds beat J. J. Mottram, N.S.C.; 1½rd beat Fred Greenbank, of Hounslow; ½rd beat Edgar Beard, Sydenham; 6rds beat Jack Walsh, Canning Town; 1rd beat Tom Mack, Plaistow; won a heavy-weight open competition at Bill Lee's School of Arms; beaten by Dick Burge in 1rd; beat by Pat Daly in 3rds at Wonderland; beat Arthur Morris, 2rds; beat Corporal McFadden, 1rd.

GEORGE CHRISP, OF NEWCASTLE,

Who Was to Have Met Jack Scales at Ginnett's Circus, Gateshead, February 18.

(With Portrait.)

George Chrisp was at one time the feature of boxing at Newcastle, where he was considered the best at his weight in the provinces, and a match for any middle-weight Londoner. He has beaten Jemmy Lowes, Harry Downie, and Ted Reat. Beat Joe Smith, 4rds; beaten by Jerry Driscoll; beaten by Charley Johnson, of America; beat Jem Smith, 5rds; beat Jack Howley, 6rds; beat E. W. Rollins ("Starlight"), of Australia, 12rds; beat Jem Richardson, 8rds; beaten by Frank W. Craig (the "Coffee Cooler") in 12rds; knocked out Harry Smith, 14rds.

"SPIDER" CARR, "SAWDUST" JACK, AND TIM KELLY.

Well-Known Sports in the North.

(With Portraits.)

In the centre is "Sawdust" Jack, who is very well known in the North, and at one time was a good go-as-you-please pedestrian, and followed Gordon to Doncaster with a 16st barrow. On his right is Tim Kelly, whom, I think, would have beaten any one to a finish at 7st 10lb in his day. Of course, the other is "Spider" Carr.

JACK GOLDSWAIN,

Of Bermondsey, who Met Charley Knock at the N.S.C., February 18.

(With Portrait.)

Jack Goldswain is twenty-one years of age, and stands 5ft 7in. Beat Bill Johnson, 3rds; Alf White, 6rds and 6rds; won 8st competition, beating Patsy Lynch and Harry Lane in final; beat Tom Pike, 4rds, Bob Wright, 6rds, Jack Sexton, 4rds, Harry Edwards, 2rds, at Tom Symonds's; runner-up to Fred Delaney in 8st competition, beating Harry Read and Ted Goodson in the first bouts; beat Fred Delaney, 4rds; Alf Barnard, 3rds; Jack Crutchington, 6rds and 4rds; beaten by Ernie Veitch in final of 8st competition; beat Ernie Veitch, 3rds; Jem Wallace, 5rds; beat Harry Ruddy, 20rds, in Paris; beat George Winters, of Rotherhithe, 11rds; beat Jack Roberts, of Holloway, 3rds; beat Harry Ruddy, 6rds; beat Alf Garratt, 6rds; beat Dick Tiddiman, 10rds; beat Jack Roberts, 7rds; beat Bill Wood, 15rds; beaten by Tom Ireland, 2rds; beaten by George Cunningham, 10rds; met Charley Knock at the N.S.C., February 18, and defeated him in 2rds.

OWEN SWEENEY, OF FULHAM,

Who was Defeated by George Penny at the National Sporting Club on Monday, February 11.

(With Portrait.)

Owen Sweeney commenced his career by defeating R. Graft, Fulham, with knuckles; then Patsy Roman, same style, defeated him in 6rds; won two open competitions at Stamford Bridge at catch-weight; won an open competition at Aldershot, open to the whole garrison, 1892; beat G. Haskell, of Fulham, with gloves, in 6rds; defeated Tom Styles, of Marylebone, in 10rds at Bob Habbijam's, and beat him again with small gloves in 9rds; won a 9st 8lb competition at Frank Hinde's; at the National Sporting Club beat Harrison, of Tottenham, in 10rds. In addition to the above he beat Arthur Bobbett in 9rds with the knuckles at Putney; defeated Jem Thompson 20rds; beat George King; beaten by Harry Webster, 20rds; beat Billy Gordon, 12rds; beaten by George Penny, 10rds.

GEORGE PENNY,

Of Kentish Town, who Defeated Owen Sweeney at the National Sporting Club, February 11.

(With Portrait.)

George Penny, of Kentish Town, has beaten Frank Lloyd, of Bethnal Green, in 2rds; Bill Harding, of Highgate, in 5rds; Jack Morris, of Islington, 6rds; won heavy-weight competition at the National Sporting Club, beating Jack Hendrick, Bill Heveron, and Bill Dorling in the final; met Dorling again and defeated him in 7rds; beat Dave Barry, of America, in 8rds; beat Bob Barr, of Canning Town, in 5rds; beat Jem Wallace, of Stepney, in 6rds; beat Alf Davey, of Holloway, in 2rds; beat Harry Berry, of Stepney, in 4rds; beaten by Tom Woodley, 10rds; beat Trooper Ham, 4rds; beat Owen Sweeney, 10rds.

VISITORS TO "THE MIRROR OF LIFE" OFFICE.

Among the prominent people who have visited us this week are:—

Ernest Brady (Newcastle).
Reuben Staples (Admiral Nelson).
Harry Spencer.
George Barrow (vocalist).
George Fawkes (Leicester).
Corporal Sanders.
George Vincent.
George Kelsey (St. George's).
"Boss" Stevens.
Fred Duffitt.
Jack Curtis.
Walter Wilton.
C. R. Woods.
E. Lauriss.
A. Pearson.
Frank Gess.
Harry Hughes.
Paddy Maloney (of California).
Billy Gordon (of America).
Mr. W. E. Prest.
J. Upton.
Harry Slough.
Jack McQuillen.
Eli De Phillipi.
George Upton.
Mike Flynn.
Harry Greenfield.
Jack Roberts
"Pedlar" Palmer.
Matt Palmer.
Bill Dipple.
"Ginger" Elliott.
Joe Smith.
R. W. Mansell.
H. D. Goatley (Milo).
Mr. Clayton.
Fred Edwards (sporting photographer).
Mr. Bert A. Dorman (Boston, U.S.A.).
Jacob Hyams.
Mrs. Joe Fallick.

AMERICAN GOSSIP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

New York, February 9, 1901.

The Editor Mirror of Life, London.

At Cincinnati, Dr. D. S. Muscroft, surgeon of the Cincinnati Police Department, who will examine Jeffries and Ruhlin before their contest, testified yesterday in the hearing of the suit to enjoin the fight that he had attended in his official capacity about forty sparring contests in this city, and had seen only one man knocked out. That man had overloaded his stomach with various things, whisky included. Billy Madden, Ruhlin's trainer, was on the stand nearly all day for the defence, and as the target for cross-examination, the latter being conducted by Judson Harmon, former Attorney-General of the United States. Madden was several times commanded by the judge to answer questions outright and not in the argumentative way he seemingly preferred. Madden said there was no more danger to principals in scientific boxing contests, such as the Jeffries-Ruhlin affair would be, "than a man running after a street car." Jeffries and Ruhlin, he said, would simply spar for points, light taps representing such points. Judge Hollister, the presiding judge, asked Madden if such a mild contest would not be "a fake and a fraud," from the standpoint of the sporting fraternity who came from distant places and paid big prices to see it. Madden said he thought it would not. W. A. Brady, the chief promoter under the Saengerfest auspices, arrived from New York last evening, and will go on the stand for the defence to-morrow. He refused to talk to-night on the situation. He also refused to discuss the offer received from the Los Angelos A.C. to transfer the fight there if it was prevented here. It is not thought that the decision in the injunction suit will be announced before Monday.

Terry McGovern and his manager, Sam Harris, last night had a conference with Jim Kennedy, matchmaker of the Twentieth Century Athletic Club, San Francisco, in regard to matching McGovern against some feather-weight to fight next April before the San Francisco Club. Kennedy named Tim Haggerty, the feather and light-weight champion of Australia, who is now on his way to this country, and is expected to arrive in San Francisco in a few days. Harris agreed for McGovern to fight Haggerty for a purse of $5,000, provided the Australian will agree to weigh 126 pounds at the ringside. Haggerty is twenty-eight years old, and was feather-weight champion of Australia for six years, light-weight champion for five years, and has never been defeated. His record has evidently inspired Harris with respect, inasmuch as he has allowed McGovern to fight Frank Erne at 128 pounds and Joe Gans at 133. Kennedy leaves for San Francisco to-day, and will meet Haggerty on his arrival there. If Haggerty will not agree to Harris's terms, Kennedy will match McGovern with either Oscar Gardner, "Kid" Broad, or Dave Sullivan.

One by one the pugilists who once wore diamonds and smoked expensive cigars are turning away from the ring in despair, looking for another means of livelihood. As State after State, and city after city have turned the game down, the boxers' hearts have grown heavy as lead until many of them now have no hearts at all. Running a saloon as head proprietor is the lot of some of the punchers, while others are busy mixing drinks behind the bar. There are others who peer through the doors of these emporiums, looking for some good Samaritan, while more have hunted up jobs in coal and lumber yards where brute strength has brain work beaten a mile. Only the other day a well-known fighter was seen in the act of hauling broken rocks out of the Rapid Transit tunnel in Harlem, while another fellow had a challenge published in a newspaper offering to walk or run somebody for a few dollars a-side. Those were indeed happy days when the boxing law was alive in this State. Money was so easy for the fighters then that they talked per cent, almost as well as a Baxter Street money lender. They realised that they had the club managers and a part of the public at their feet. It was only last winter that a prominent feather-weight, when asked by the manager of the Broadway A.C. if he would box in a star bout for half the gate receipts or a guarantee of $1,500, said: 'Who, me? Why, smoke up! Dat's not cigarette stuff! Naw!" Two weeks ago, the manager of the Broadway A.C., while strolling down the Bowery, looking well and prosperous, met the once "chesty" feather-weight. "How de do!" exclaimed the feather enthusiastically. "Say, on de level, will yer stake me ten case note? What, yer won't? Well, den a fiver? Naw? Make it a bone den, hey? A half'll do! Tanks." And the manager, after standing for a half, jumped on a passing trolley.

George Dixon, the former champion feather-weight, who is to fight Friday evening with Harry Lyons at Baltimore, throws hot shot into Tom O'Rourke, his old manager. The latter stated yesterday that Dixon weighed only 104 pounds, is a sick man, and that it would be cruel to fight him. Dixon said to-day: "This is only a trick of O'Rourke's to keep me from getting a living. He wanted to cut in this match and get a part of the receipts, but I would not have it. He is trying in this way to get his revenge. I never felt better in my life, and have never trained more faithfully, and am confident I can make my old time showing. I see he says I only weigh 104 pounds with my clothes on. That will show you just how near the truth he is, and just how much he is acting in good faith. To-day I weighed myself, after doing my work, and tipped the scales at 128½ pounds. I am willing to submit my condition to any physician in Baltimore. I am going to meet Lyons to-morrow, and I expect to get the decision." Dixon intimated that O'Rourke was persecuting him, and holding back money that was due to him. So far as outward appearances go, Dixon is looking in the pink of condition.

At Hartford, Conn., three fights were held by the Nutmeg Athletic Club in the Coliseum before 1,000 people. Tommy Feltz knocked out George Halliday in one minute fifty seconds of the first round. A short arm jog on the jaw did the trick. Grif Jones was given the decision in the fifth round over Marty Sullivan. Tim Hurley and Jack Butler fought twelve rounds, and Charley White gave the decision to Hurley.

Frank Erne, the pugilist, has arrived at San Francisco, and proposes to remain until May. He expresses his willingness to meet Terry McGovern at 133 pounds, and there is a prospect of a fight between them before the Twentieth Century Club in April.

At Alexandria, Md., Oscar Gardner, of Wheeling, and Johnny Burns, of New York, fought a twenty rounds contest under the auspices of the Alexandria Athletic Club last night. The decision was a draw.

When "Chawley" Mitchell gets here he may be confronted by Joe Walcott, the "Giant Killer," who is still looking for heavy-weights. If Mitchell sees Walcott first the Englishman may take a sudden trip to the woods.

Paul Pons, the gigantic Frenchman, and Ernest Roeber, champion of America, wrestled for an hour and seventeen minutes in the Madison Square Garden last night, the decision being a draw. Neither man gained a fall in that time, and according to their agreement, the referee had no alternative when the midnight hour arrived. For some unknown reason, Police-inspector Thompson decided that the bout could not continue after twelve o'clock in the arena where French balls and six-day bicycle races have attracted people to stay all night. The majority of the spectators, including Referee Charley White, declared that the bout was contested on the level, but there were some pessimists who said it was a fake "under new conditions." If a decision had been rendered on the amount of work done, Pons would probably have received it, as he was the aggressor a greater part of the time. But in a knowledge of the game and in showing real science Roeber was the master, for the Frenchman, though bigger and stronger, was clearly lacking in the rudiments of the sport. As it is, the men will probably meet again in the near future. Almost 6,000 persons saw the match, which was put on too late, because of slack management.

"Tod" Sloan is having a peck of trouble at the race-tracks, San Francisco. He can't win an important race, no matter how good his horse is, or try as he will. This is not misfortune—it is collusion on the part of other jockeys. They all appear to be banded together to give Sloan the worst of it. He has been knocked about to such an extent that his life has been in serious danger several times. This has affected his "Todlets" nerves, and he no longer rides with his accustomed dash and brilliancy. On Saturday Sloan had the mount on Articulate in a special race at Tanforan Park. Though Articulate was the best horse, he finished second. Foul riding again defeated Sloan. Tommy Burns, who is the rough rider par excellence of the race-tracks, made Sloan on Articulate the object of one of his famous strenuous finishes, and banged him all about in the stretch. After the race Sloan lodged a complaint with the judges that he had been bumped at the start and at the finish, but the placing of the horses was not reversed. Sloan was very much wrought up over the harsh deal he received, and expressed himself freely in regard to the treatment.

Cissie Loftus, the actress, was seriously injured on Monday evening by being knocked down and run over by a horse and wagon at Sixty-first Street and Lexington Avenue. Miss Loftus is playing in "Lady Huntsworth's Experiment" at Daly's Theatre.

Blackstone, Mass.—At a cock fight in a hotel at Stratford, Conn., Frank Casey, of Waterford, lost three out of seven battles, and the main, New Haven parties being successful with their birds. The main was for $2,000.

THE TATTLER.

THE WAY FORTUNES GO TO THE DOGS.

Fast Living and Cards Send a Man Broke.

(Subject of Illustration.)

One of the most wretched evils of life is that of gambling. The man who will stake his all on a game of chance, even if successful for a time, will eventually reach the wall dead broke. In fine silk and enjoyable company his days of affluence are spent, but when his luck is dead out there are no friends to fall back upon, and his only hope is to raise a few shillings by a visit to the useful relative of the three balls. Even out of this he will chance a few if not all on some race, but in any case a gambler sooner or later takes the knock.

HER FOOT BECAME FIXED IN THE POINTS.

A Charming Actress in Considerable Danger Just Rescued in the Nick of Time.

(Subject of Illustration.)

Miss Anstruther, who is travelling with a theatrical company in Canada, met with a peculiar accident. When on her way to rehearsal it was necessary to cross the railway; in doing so her foot became fixed between the points and could not be extricated, and as a train was expected things looked serious. One gentleman hastened up the line with his handkerchief fastened to his cane to stop the train, while two others went to the assistance of the lady, and just as the train came in sight they succeeded in liberating her as she fell fainting in her rescuers' arms.

ACCIDENT TO A SLEIGHING PARTY.

A Fast Run Leads to a Misadventure.

(Subject of Illustration.)

Sleighing in Canada is the winter's pastime, and speedy trotters with their jingling bells are driven at top speed along the frost-bound snow-covered roads. A sleighing party who were enjoying a spin just outside the town of Ottawa met with a disastrous mishap while racing over the snow. They reached a sharp bend in the road and from the opposite side another team was being rattled along conveying a lady and gentleman. Neither could pull up and a collision could not be avoided, both parties being thrown in the road. One horse was killed on the spot, but strange to say, although bruised and stunned, the riders escaped injury.

TRIED TO MURDER HIS WIFE.

Became Insane and Shoots with a Revolver.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A man about thirty-four years of age, living at Hadlett, has been for some time very strange in his conduct. Last Wednesday, on returning from business, commenced to upbraid his wife. She, in fear, carried her little son and fled from the room, pursued by her husband. The latter drew a revolver and fired two shots at his wife, but fortunately the bullets went wide of the mark. The man's mother, Mrs. Williams, rushed at her son and stopped him from doing further damage. The man is in custody, and his state of mind will be inquired into previous to being sent to some asylum.

OUR LETTER BOX.

The following letters are now lying at The Mirror of Life office, and will be forwarded on receipt of stamped addressed envelope:—

Billy Gordon (coloured).
T. Naish.
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Alec Hurley (two).
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Billy Ross (two).
William Freeman Martin (coloured).
Joe Gans (two).
Bobby Dobbs (three).
W. J. Abbott.
James Donegan (Dunedin Troupe).
P. I. Newell.
Frank Leon (two).
Jack O'Brien (Philadelphia).
A. McDonald.
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"Greek" George.
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Claude Thompson.
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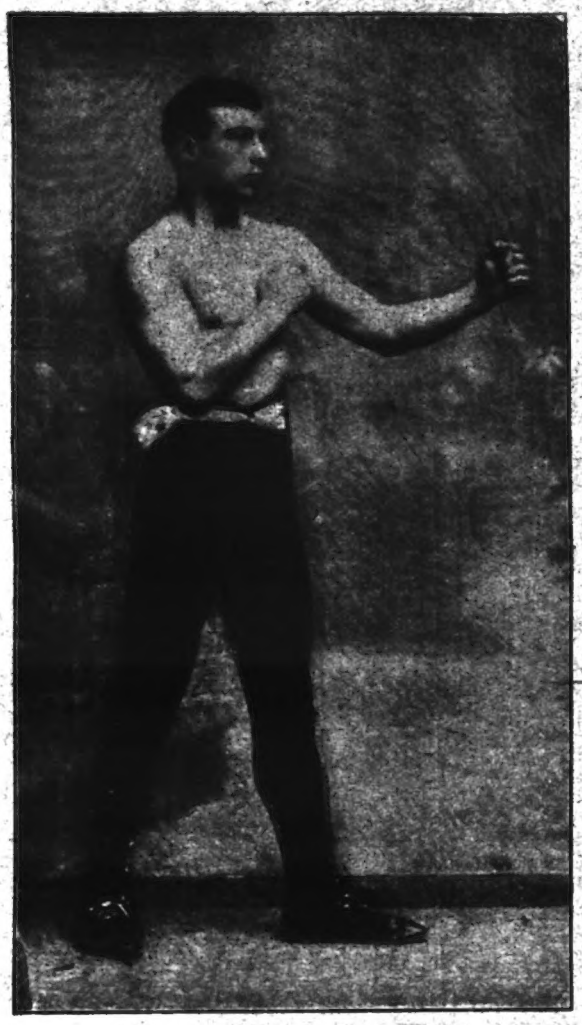
Jack Stewart, of Grimsby.

LOST AND FOUND.

"I called in answer to an advertisement for a boy," said a bright-faced little chap to Mr. Goldstein, the mill owner, who was a bulky, red-faced man. He was about to leave his private carriage to enter the office when thus accosted. With him was a golden-haired little girl, who listened to the boy with eager interest. "Well, how old are you and where have you been working?" said the mill owner, looking at the lad sharply. "I came from the country, sir, where my mother and I worked in a small mill since father died. Now she is gone and so I came here to the big city hoping to find a better job." "Well, you are too young, and a boy that don't know the city is of no use to me. My advice is to go back to your former home," said Goldstein in a tone of dismissal of the subject, then he turned to his driver and said: "Take Miss Alice where she wants to go." The boy—Philip Martin by name—felt a lump rise in his throat and with a discouraged feeling walked listlessly down the thoroughfare. He had no home or friends and no shelter. Furthermore, he had spent nearly all his money in getting to the city. While meditating on what should be his next move he felt a gentle touch upon his arm and heard a sweet, low, childish voice say: "Never mind, here's a card with the name of my uncle on it, and he will give you work." Turning he saw again the face of the mill owner's daughter, Alice Goldstein. "It is all right," said she, "and never mind thanking me. I'd like the same thing happen to Will—that's my brother—if he was alone in a big city." Philip opened the paper containing the card and inside was a bright new half-a-crown. So unexpected was it all that as soon as the little Samaritan departed he burst into tears, whereupon some little fellows in passing called him "cry baby." Feeling very tired he sat down on one of the park seats intending to seek Alice's uncle when he had recovered his mental balance. He fell fast asleep and when he awoke the parcel which he brought from home containing a valuable recipe, a bible and his mother's photo had disappeared. Gradually, however, he thought of the little girl, of the card which bore the name of a possible employer and of his empty stomach. He thought of her and half-a-crown brought hope and comfort, so he proceeded to a restaurant and had his first square meal since arriving in the city. On leaving the place he again saw the Goldstein carriage and the fair Samaritan, who beckoned him to her side, and, much to his astonishment, held up the missing parcel, which had been stolen from him while asleep. Twenty years have passed since Philip Martin and Alice Goldstein met. During that time Phillip secured a good position and took up a study of medicine. He was now a prosperous physician, and one night was called into consultation, the case being that of a young man dying in squalor. As he entered the room his eyes met those of a beautiful young woman, who rose and extended both hands appealingly to him. "Do you not remember me?" said she; "do you not recall your first attempt to secure work in London." "Ah, indeed I do. Can this be the little Samaritan who saved me from despair? I tried in vain to keep track of you, but they told me you were travelling and I fancied you had settled down in married life. Maybe it is so:" "No," said she, "and I've done better by you, for I've followed your career these many years, and congratulate you on your great success with the Little Diamond Liver Pills." The doctor then listened to the painful story of the patient, who was the brother of Alice—the "black sheep of the family," who from boyhood had been alienated from his father and sister, was reinstated for awhile in his father's good graces, but later, through speculation, brought financial ruin and a suicide's end for the father. Dainty Alice, who had been supporting herself by teaching music, discovered his whereabouts, but too late, for he was at death's door. Dr. Martin on taking his leave said: "By the way, tell me how you found the parcel that day." "Well, I kept you in sight and so witnessed the act of the thief, and Jim, the coachman, made him give it up." As they stood talking Alice's eye fell on an old coin and a ring worn on the doctor's chain. The doctor read her thoughts and said: "Yes, that's the same coin, and it has been indeed a charm! There is my mother's photo, and, as you know, the recipe for the Little Diamond Liver Pills have saved many lives and reaped a fortune." They parted, but not before Alice's consent was given to his future calls, which resulted six months later in Dr. Martin's marriage to fair Alice. Prepared by the Little Diamond Liver Pill Co., 68, Stanmore Road, West Green, London, N. Price 1s. 1½d., per box of forty.—[Advt.]



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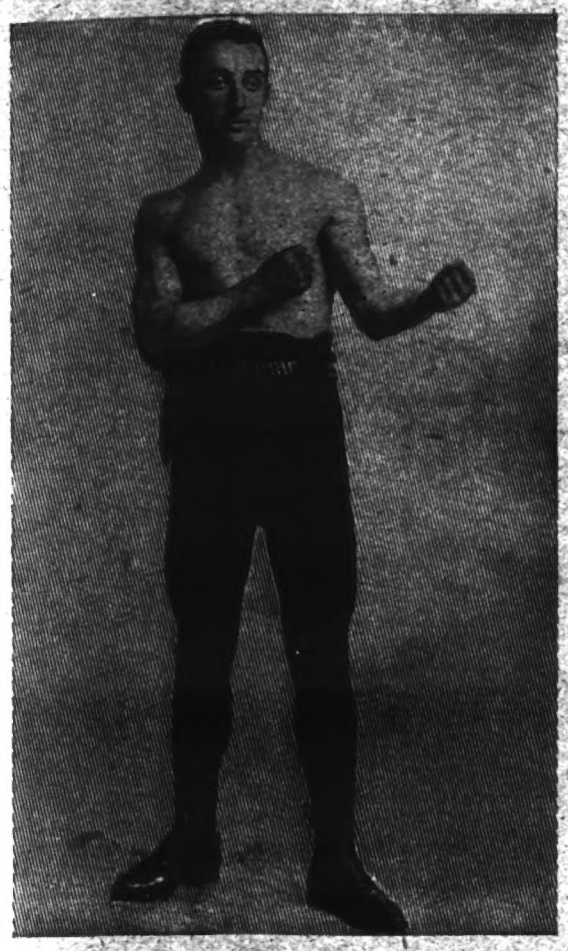

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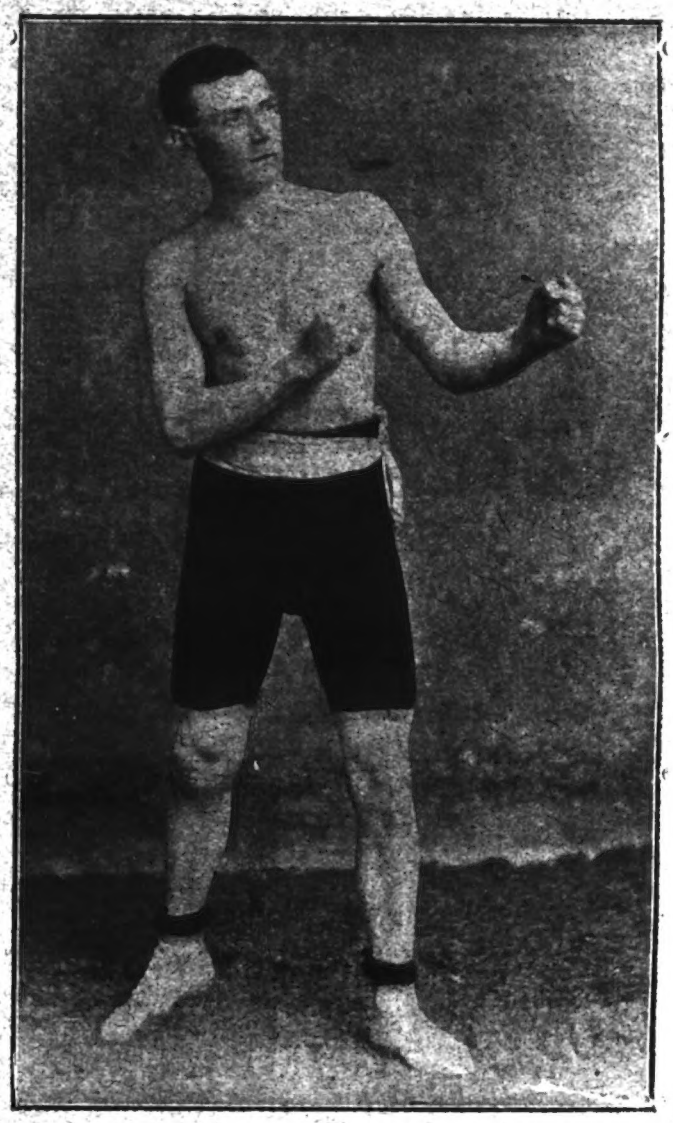

JEM BARRY,

Of St. James's, who Met Tom Dixon, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, at Ginnett's Circus, February 18.

MEXICAN MINERS FIRE ON WORKMEN.

Strikers and Mob Law at Palo Alto.

CRUFT'S DOG SHOW.

WHEN ALLUDING TO BULL'S-EYE, Bill Sykes's famous dog, Charley Bates exclaims, "He's an out-and-out Christian, he is. Don't he bark at any other dog that ain't of his breed." This was forcibly expressed at the dog show at the Agricultural Hall when we visited that enclosure last week. Each dog was barking at the dog not of his breed. The Welsh terriers in the gallery were barking at Schipperkes, the fox-terriers at the Irish, the big Danes at the mastiffs, and so on, making a canine melody such as is rarely heard. The most serviceable dogs we should think in the show are the Irish wolf-hounds, bred by Mr. Gerard, of Mid-Cheshire. This gentleman has taken five first prizes, and for a puppy eight months old he had been offered £50, but he preferred to retain the dog. Said Mr. Gerard, "These dogs are very prolific, and I can obtain £8 for a pup eight weeks old, as many as I like to sell. I feed them entirely on horseflesh, so many hunters coming to grief in this neighbourhood that I am apprised directly there is an accident." This dog is supposed to be a prototype of the famous dog Gelert,

So good, so true, a lamb at home,
A lion in the chase.

A visit to a room off the big hall, which is a receptacle for toy dogs, showed how women must have some object over which to gush. The coats for many of these toy dogs had cost a small fortune. Some of the dogs were marked at prohibitive prices, but we had the temerity to ask a seller the price of three small black Pomeranian fox dogs, and the lady, after enumerating their weight and quality, remarked—the smaller the more valuable—"Forty, fifty, and sixty." Beauty is the first consideration, and utility apparently the last. If a big buck sewer rat had been thrown among the terriers there would have been a stampede; in fact, a frightened panic. Big Danes, looking ferocity personified, and weighing at least 12st (except in one instance where a high wire prevented this animal from showing his biting proclivities), were as harmless as kittens, and big deerhounds would have as much thought of facing a stag at bay as a tiger or lion. Even the bulldogs, supposed to be typical of the pugnacity of Englishmen, had been bred until their faces had become so short that they had no biting power. The bulldogs and the terriers showed marked degeneracy. Fancy a modern terrier like little Jacko killing one thousand rats in an hour; or the bulldog behaving like the one who followed the Englishman in one of Scott's "Tales of the Crusaders." If we did not meet fanciers of the old type like Jem Ferryman, old Jemmy Shaw, &c., we met those who came after these worthies in the shape of our old friend Jack Ellis, Sam Woodiss, &c. Jack Ellis walked as though he had just returned from service in South Africa, but Jack informed us that this infirmity was owing to rheumatism in his feet. The following were some of the quality present at the show:—Lady Noreen Hastings came with the Duchess of Newcastle, who wore a serviceable tight-fitting coat and short skirt, and was busy all day judging. Lady Aberdeen, who took several prizes, was present all day, taking her dogs into the ring herself. Sir Claud Alexander took a first prize in every class in which he was showing, five falling to his lot; and among other exhibitors were Lady Helen Craven, Miss Cust, Lady Evelyn Ewart, Lady Angela Forbes, Lady Margaret Jenkins, Lady Lister, Lady Lewis, Blanche Lady Rosslyn, Sir Henry Smith, and Sir John Swinburne. Among others to be seen were Lady Alexander, of Ballochmyle, Lady Katherine Pilkington, and Mrs. Baillie, of Dochfour. We did not think there were so many canine lovers until we saw the vast hall crowded with sightseers.

DEATH OF A VETERAN TRAINER.—In what are called the palmy days of the Prize Ring John Lawley was recognised as the prince of trainers, and such noted pugilists as Tom King and Tom Tyler were amongst those who entrusted themselves to the care of the party in question. Lawley did not confine his attentions to the fistic fraternity, as many prominent pedestrians sought advice from him. Lawley in after years became a prosperous salesman in Spitalfields Market, and, except in matches of any great importance, he of late seldom gave sporting matches any support. Recently his health failed him, and he then took up a permanent residence at Ilfracombe, where he died. The funeral took place yesterday (Tuesday) week, and although only a few other than the members of the deceased's family were present at the graveside, many old friends sent wreaths as a mark of respect. The coffin was literally covered with choice flowers.

SAD DEATH OF A FAMOUS Wrestler.—A sad accident occurred a few days ago to Thomas Chipchase, a well-known Cumberland wrestler, while pursuing his employment at the Wallsend Ship Yard. He was thrown by the lowering of a plate from the scaffolding, and fell a distance of 50ft., receiving injuries from which he died on the following morning. The interment took place at Heaton Cemetery, South Shields, and, besides relatives, was attended by a large number of friends and fellow workmen, who thus testified to the general esteem in which the deceased was held. All his life the deceased took a great interest in athletics. He won many prizes in the wrestling rings of the North, his last one of note being the Army and Navy Stores Wrestling Competition in 1897. His loss will be mourned by many friends in Cumberland and wherever he was known.

THE AMATEUR BILLIARD CHAMpionship.—The final heat in the competition for the Amateur Championship promoted by the Billiard Association was decided on Tuesday at the Gaiety Saloon, in the presence of a large company, the players being Mr. S. S. Christey and Mr. W. S. Jones. In the afternoon Mr. Christey, after starting indifferently, took the lead. His chief breaks were 45, 25 (twice), 39, 57, 34, 30, 41, and 78, against 32, 46, 25 (thrice), 30, and 26 by his opponent. At the adjournment the scores were: Mr. Christey (in play) 751, and Mr. Jones 573. In the evening Mr. Christey won by 195 points. He contributed 34, 62, 110, 50, and 32, but Mr. Jones played pluckily, and compiled 38, 69, 31, 60, 42, 63, and 45. Full score: Mr. Christey 1,500, and Mr. Jones 1,305.

NOVEL SPORTING MATCH.—Considerable interest was aroused in a novel sporting match which was decided on Tuesday last at the grounds attached to the Queen's Hotel, Hollingworth. Mr. Jehu Taylor, of Heywood, backed his old mare Polly, which some time ago defeated A. R. Downer over 100yd, to run Robert Wolsterholme, of Hollingworth, 25yds off a mark for £10. Betting ruled 5 to 2 on the mare. Both man and horse got well away at the crack of the pistol, but the mare won. The mare is twenty-four years of age, and has won twenty-four matches, having defeated both champion foot runners and cyclists.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS FOOTBALLER.—News was received in Edinburgh recently of the death of G. Peddie Waddell, a famous Edinburgh footballer. Waddell, who died from enteric at Johannesburg, volunteered whilst in the Lothians and Berwickshire Yeomanry, and formed one of the 19th Company of the Imperial Yeomanry. He was educated at Glenalmond and Oxford University. He was tried for the Oxford XV., and later played with the London Scottish and Edinburgh Wanderers.

A SPORTSMAN'S WEDDING.—Harry Raphael, the East-end penciller, was last Wednesday united to Miss Elizabeth Van Kollem in the bonds of matrimony at the holy place in Great St. Helen's. Harry has served his apprenticeship at almost every branch of sport, and wherever he may put his knowledge to the test. At the present he is represented by men in the East-end of the metropolis, all making a book for him, and without a doubt they will find increased patronage when the bell rings at Lincoln. The bride is a daughter of the late Professor Van Kollem, the celebrated baritone, and this has been transmitted to his children, Simie, in particular. At St. Helen's a large muster of his friends assembled, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Beecham (of the Paragon), and the bookies Lew Solomons, Harry Green (looking very bright), Lew Michaels, Moss Levy, Jack Pamm, Mark Levy, Ponny Joseph, and a number of punters. Single life only comes once, and the bride wanted to make the most of it, as she was over half an hour late, the boys meanwhile taking matters easily, without calling out the odds. The bride looked lovely in white duchess satin, with chiffon and pearl trimming, with flounces of piping seen on the skirt. A medici collar adorned the dress, to which was attached a box-pleated train of white brocade nearly six yards in length. A large veil covered the whole, and seldom has the sun shone on a fairer bride. As they went to their carriage Harry showed the white feather for the first time, and was afraid to face the showers of rice that looked well as it mixed with the snow. Instead of using confetti, the lads and lasses used the harder material, and this should be avoided in future at other marriages, as rice is likely to cut the face. The festivities were kept up at King's Hall in the presence of a numerous company, those who had attended the pair at the holy place, Mr. and Mrs. Raphael, the latter in a handsome heliotrope brocade with chiffon and pearl trimming, and Mrs. Van Kollem (in a pale blue brocade with steel trimming) and Simie Van Kollem, seeing that everyone was comfortable. The little bridesmaids, Clara and Lizzie Raphael, also looked lovely in white. Mike Mendosa (silver medallist) had been engaged as M.C., but owing to an unforeseen accident could not appear, and our representative, Mr. R. Joseph, officiated in his absence. During the evening songs varied the proceedings, the best being the baritones: Joe Ansell ("Good-bye, Sweetheart, Good-bye," "The Holy City," &c.) and S. Van Kollem ("Army and Navy," &c.). The belle of the party was Mrs. Proops, in a black ballroom dress trimmed with sequins and glittering with jewels, while handsome Golda Cohen ran her close, and was the best exponent of the terpsichorean art. The boys (some of them) expressed their regret that this lady was engaged, and then danced with other ladies, though they certainly preferred Miss Cohen. Among the company present were A. Harris (whose catering for the wedding was simply perfect, and there was enough left for another one), Harry and Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E. Proops, Harry Green, Mr. and Mrs. P. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Raphael, and Mr. T. Lloyd (The Fox, Russell Street). Morris Isaac's band was engaged for the occasion, and, besides the dancing and singing, delighted the company by many selections, and, different to many bands, were always ready for work.

A JEWISH WEDDING.—**LAST** Wednesday Duke's Place was alive with carriages, &c., the cause of it being the wedding of Mr. J. Goodman (the well-known pickler) and Ray Cohen, that took place at the synagogue there. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. Hart, assisted by the Rev. A. E. Gordon, in the presence of a numerous company, the bride having on the orthodox dress of white satin. In a stately lecture the priests treated the happy pair to a lecture, bidding them look forward to the future, winding up with a blessing, to which a perfect torrent of "Amen!" came forth. The carpet that stretched to the road was covered with confetti, the many colours of this making a magnificent sight as it fell on the pair. The merry making was held at Limehouse Town Hall, some hundreds of friends being present, the famous band of Morris Flaum enlivening the proceedings. The staff of over twenty waiters had enough during the evening to do to attend to the wants of those present. Messrs. Edgart, Jacobs, and I. Parker acted as M.C.'s, and songs and dances were added to the programme during the evening. At twelve o'clock a rousing cheer was heard, denoting the arrival of Sergeant-Major (Scout) Morris, and he joined in the fun. The Sisters Levy, songs from the "Gaiety Girl"; Sisters Isaacs, songs from "Florodora," Harry Clements, and the rest of the family, &c, sang songs, while among others Mrs. Parker was applauded for a ghostly skirt dance, this causing roars of laughter. The attendants on the happy pair—Mr. and Mrs. Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal—looked as happy as human beings could possibly be, while almost every colour of the rainbow was seen in the ladies' dresses. Black satin, trimmed with gold, silver, amber, tulle or grenadine, was seen everywhere, while the hall simply shone amidst the glitter of jewels. The honours of the evening were divided, and among those in the first flight (the bride being barred) were Mrs. J. and I. Parker and Lena Goodman. The company was extra large, fair musters of the Parker, Clements, Edgart, Rosenblaum, Barnett, Goodman, and various other families being present. The hardest worker of the evening was Mr. A. Cohen (the bride's brother), who personally saw to the general arrangements as well as seeing that everybody was comfortable. It (the dancing) did not end till just before daylight, the strains of "God Save the King" bringing the affair to a close.

WRESTLING.—JOE CARROLL v. J. Parr for £50.—For some time a wrestling match of importance has not taken place in the Wigan district. There was a capital attendance present at the Westwood Grounds, Wigan, on Saturday. The contestants were Joe Carroll, of Hindley, and J. Parr, of Platt Bridge, who contested three back falls in the Lancashire style for £25 a-side and the Heavy-weight Championship of England. Carroll was further bound to gain three falls before darkness set in or lose the match. Betting at the start was 24 to 20 on Parr. The last-named is a powerful-looking man, and being gifted with plenty of muscular force, he was able successfully to defy all the efforts of Carroll to throw him. The Hindley wrestler punished his opponent severely, but after being together 1hr 35min there was a cessation of hostilities. Carroll saw there was a probability of him not gaining a fall before night set in, and he therefore offered Parr half the stakes and half the bets to call the match off. After some consultation this was mutually agreed to.

SKITTLES.—THE ROYAL SKITTLE Club; headquarters, Royal Oak, Sumner Road, Peckham; proprietor, Mr. Jack Rawlings.—The members of this flourishing club held a committee meeting last Tuesday evening to arrange about the concert which takes place on Monday, March 4 next, and about important fixtures which take place in the near future. It is worthy of note that the members passed a vote of thanks to J. Tuhey, representing THE MIRROR OF LIFE, and the following well-known lovers of skittles were present—viz., "Sloper" Clarke, Bob Harrington, J. Green (the ever affable), B. Summerfield (secretary), Jem Bird (winner of the last two tournaments), Jack Blakemore, Arthur Hill (who is better known by the members as Dick Dunn) Charles Davis (a follower of the pins for many years), Jack Glass, &c. Several new members have joined. Host Jack Rawlings and Mrs. Rawlings ably attended to the requirements of those present. Some very interesting skittle play was witnessed in the commodious alley. Jem Mitchell, of Peckham, beat Jas. Dobson, of Camberwell, by one chalk in 5 chalks up, for a trophy. Mitchell was carried shoulder high by his admirers. It was 6ft from the front pin. Joe McCann and Billy Williams, the latter, who looked after Mitchell's interest, were present. "Sloper" Clarke and Bob Harrington, both good players, were seen to advantage. They contested two games, 5 chalks. Harrington won the first by 3 chalks. "Sloper" showed good form in the next game, similar conditions. "Sloper" won. Mr. G. Payne was also present.

WRESTLING AT CAMBERWELL.—Once again the champion of champions is in the metropolis, as this week he is at the same game, giving £10 to any athlete that he fails to throw inside 15min. Though Carkeek is *the king* of them all, it is a very hard task to beat a good man in that space of time, though when they come forward the public get a run for their money, and, even if he loses the £10, Carkeek adds to his reputation. As detailed elsewhere, Joe Carroll is always willing for work, and after his match on Saturday wants a £10 note, and wired from Hindley to compete on Tuesday (the details will be seen in our next issue), and, being the only acceptor, was taken on. A local wrestler, Mr. Williams (Blackheath), tried on Monday, but after a spirited bout was laid low in about nine minutes. Mr. R. Josephs (MIRROR OF LIFE) acted as referee, with Mr. E. Giles timing.

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TOM DIXON, OF NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Who Met Jem Barry, of St. James's, at Ginnett's Circus, February 18.

(With Portrait.)

TOM DIXON, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, last May fought Mick Head, and on Friday evening, January 27, met Johnny Ryan at the Albert Club, Belfast, and defeated him in 2rds; knocked out Harry Lane, of Poplar, in 4rds; beat Jem Barry, of St. James's, at the N.S.C., in 7rds; met Jem Barry, of St. James's, at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, February 18, and met defeat in the ninth round.

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EVENTS TO COME.

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FEBRUARY 20.—Private Entertainment, Kensington Boxing Club, Drill Hall Woolwich.

FEBRUARY 21.—Apollo Amateur Club, Christ Church Hall, Hanbury Street, E.

FEBRUARY 21.—National Sporting Club, at 3 p.m., 10st 7lb Novices' Boxing Competition (preliminary heats); at 8 p.m., 10st Amateur Wrestling Competition.

FEBRUARY 23.—National Sporting Club, at 3 p.m., 10st 7lb Novices' Boxing Competition (second and third series); at 8 p.m., 10st Professional Wrestling Competition.

FEBRUARY 23.—Mr. J. T. Hulls's Boxing Tournament at the Drill Hall, Woolwich.

FEBRUARY 25.—Joe Smith's Boxing Entertainment, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

FEBRUARY 25.—At the Standard Theatre, Gateshead, Harry McDermott v. Dave Job, twenty rounds.

FEBRUARY 25.—At the Tee-To-Tum Club, Stamford Hill, "Pop's" Special Night Boxing.—Dave Brown v. Bill Hutchinson, ten rounds; Joe Barrett v. Con Barratt, ten rounds; Joe Scott v. Bob Dever, ten rounds; Jem Dewis v. Jack Moore, ten rounds; Alf Leeper v. "Jumbo" King, ten rounds.

FEBRUARY 25.—At the National Sporting Club, Johnny Thomas v. "Sailor" Richardson, fifteen rounds; also Six Rounds Contests, and other boxing.

FEBRUARY 25.—Dave Peters v. Tom James, at the Prince of Wales's Circus, Merthyr.

FEBRUARY 25.—At Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, Jack O'Brien (America) v. Harry Smith (Birmingham).

FEBRUARY 25.—At Lecture Hall, Deptford, Littlefield and Gordon's Entertainment.

FEBRUARY 25.—Harry Wright's Special Boxing Tournament at Wonderland.

FEBRUARY 26.—At the Mafeking Gymnasium, Leicester, Harry Slough v. Billy Hancock, fifteen rounds.

FEBRUARY 27.—At the Cestus Boxing Club, Assault-at-Arms and Open Boxing Competitions.

FEBRUARY 28.—At the Town Hall, Shoreditch, Columbian Boxing Club Competitions.

MARCH 4.—Wm. Griffiths (Tredegar) v. James Arnold (Brynmawr), £100 and purse, twenty rounds.

MARCH 7.—Competitions of the Mincing Lane Club, at their Headquarters, L.S.R.V., James Street, Buckingham Gate, S.W.

MARCH 7.—At the Drill Hall, Camden Town, 17th Middlesex Rifles School of Arms Competitions.

MARCH 7.—At the Drill Hall, Camden Town, the Eighth Amateur Boxing Competitions of the 17th Middlesex Rifles School of Arms.

MARCH 11.—At Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sammy Kelly, of America, v. Will Curley, of Newcastle.

MARCH 11.—Charlie Mannering's Boxing Show, Public Hall, New Brompton.

MARCH 11.—Tee-To-Tum, Stamford Hill—Arthur Gutteridge's Assault-at-Arms, Dave Wallace v. George Slark, for £50.

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BOXING AT THE NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

10st (NOVICES') COMPETITION.

First Series: A. Garrity beat Joe Wilson; J. Kiely beat Bob Sawyer; Jem McHenry beat Matt Bryan; Tom Jameson beat Joe Read; Bill Corduroy beat Mike Stack; Clifford Holden beat F. Read; Alf Brown beat Ted Hogan; Jem Turner beat Ted Unwin. Second Series.—Garrity beat Kiely; McHenry beat Jameson; Clifford Holden a bye, owing to an injury to Bill Corduroy's arm; Turner beat Brown. Semi-finals:—A. Garrett (Liverpool) beat J. McHenry; Clifford Holden (Barbados) beat J. Turner (Willesden). Final: Garrett beat Holden. In contests limited to four rounds, T. Gill (Paddington) beat George Martin (Bermondsey), J. Walsh (Marylebone) beat Bob Hartnell (Hammersmith), J. Dooley (Marylebone) beat C. Pyne (St. James's), Bill Baxter (Shoreditch) beat Joe Carlin (Bloomsbury), "Boss" Stevens (Marylebone) beat "Ginger" Mallett (Southwark), Jem Harper (Marylebone) beat "Tuzzy" Winters (Southwark). Four Rounds Contest: Jack Walsh (Marylebone) beat Bob Hartnell (Hammersmith).—The latter was disqualified, and Walsh thus gained an easy win. Four Rounds Contest: Jack Doody (Marylebone) beat C. Pyne (St. James's).—They fought well until the end, when Doody won with something to spare. Four Rounds Contest: Bill Baxter, jun. (Shoreditch) beat Joe Carlin (Bloomsbury).—Carlin managed to go the allotted distance, but was well used up when going to his seat for the last time. Four Rounds Contest: "Boss" Stevens (Bloomsbury) beat "Ginger" Mallett (Southwark).—At the finish of a fiercely-contested struggle the verdict went to Stevens. Four Rounds Contest: Jem Harper (Bloomsbury) beat "Tuzzy" Winters (Walworth).—Jem Harper kept scoring with the left hand, and in the end did enough to secure him the verdict. 11st Professional Wrestling Competition (Catch-as-catch-can).—Round 1: W. Clarke (Shoreditch) beat James Knight (Cornwall).—The former, who is powerfully built, soon dragged his opponent to the ground, and after some clever manœuvring, he gained the fall. The second attempt was of short duration, and again Clarke was the winner. R. Curney (Paddington) beat J. Thomson (Kensal Green).—The last-mentioned was thrown twice successively. Final: Clarke beat Curney.—The latter for a time resisted the efforts of his very strong rival, but finally Clarke got his man down in the desired position. The second fall also went to Clarke, who won.

FRED GREAVES DEFEATS HARRY SMITH.

These two provincials came to London to try conclusions in a fifteen rounds bout, and brought with them a good sprinkling of sports from Northampton and Leicester to witness the contest, and with the members present the club was fairly well filled when the men took their seats. Pat Shepherd, with the brothers George and Joe Wilson, looked after the interests of Greaves, while Smith had in his corner Arthur Gutteridge, W. Moore, and H. Allen. The contest could only be described as slow from start to last, each round being a repetition of the former, and Greaves seemed to have his right arm glued to his chest, and could only use one hand, and Smith woefully short in his leads. The form shown was considerably below the level seen at the club, and hardly proved interesting, Greaves eventually gaining the decision. The officials were: Mr. J. H. Douglas, referee; Mr. Eugene Corri, on the gong; and Mr. A. F. Bettinson, M.C. Details:

SIX ROUNDS CONTEST.

ARTHUR LAMB (Bethnal Green) beat ALBERT HOLLINGS (Bethnal Green).

A hard-hitting bout was the first round, each in turn getting home. Hollings nearly upset his man, but was twice brought to his knees. An even go. The second round Hollings waited for his man and landed left and right, but Lamb stuck to his opponent. The latter dropped to avoid several times, and Lamb, at close quarters, had the best of the exchanges. Lamb in the third round forced the pace, and three times Hollings went down. Lamb a bit tired, but he forced the pace, and after bringing his opponent down with the right the gong sounded. The fifth meeting Lamb brought his man down and gained the award, the referee stopping the contest in his favour.

TEN ROUNDS CONTEST.

JACK GOLDSWAIN (Bermondsey) beat CHARLEY KNOCK (Stratford).

Knock, taller, kept feinting for an opening, twice swinging the right, Goldswain being content to counter. The second round Knock, with his extra reach, got home, depending a good deal on his right in the mixing. Goldswain stayed the longest and dropped his man with the right, who was counted out.

SIX ROUNDS CONTEST.

BILL HOUGH (Bermondsey) beat G. ALEXANDER (Upton Park).

Hough best on first round, but nothing of importance occurred. The second time of leaving their seats Hough took the initiative and kept Alexander busy. The same in the third, Hough having the best of the exchanges. The fourth meeting still continued to lead, and Alexander showed traces of his opponent's handiwork on the ribs. Hough was cleverer and quicker with both hands all through the last round. Hough was sent down in a neutral corner, Alexander putting up a stiff argument. Hough won a bit easily.

FIFTEEN ROUNDS CONTEST.

FRED GREAVES (Leicester) beat HARRY SMITH (Northampton).

Both quickly left their seats. At the call of time Smith short in his leads, but at close quarters Smith had a trifle the best of it. The second round they went to holds. After the break-away Greaves landed the left; a lot of sparring, and he again shot home on Smith's dial, Greaves going a trifle the better. The third meeting Greaves relied solely on his left hand, and Smith countered. There was nothing in it, both being cautious. The same tactics in the fourth round, each in turn getting on the dial after a lot of short leads. The fifth time of leaving their seats twice Greaves drove the left on Smith's dial, and the pace improved. Smith met another facer, and then mixed it as the round closed. Coming up for the sixth Greaves popped in the left and repeated the dose, driving Smith's head back. Greaves nailed a right-hander which drew the claret, but cleverly planted the left twice. The seventh Greaves again used the left, but at close quarters Smith was quicker with both hands. It was give and take in the eighth round, and Smith went better, having a trifle the best of the business. The ninth meeting they sparred all round the ring, Greaves's left having little or no effect on his man, and the claret flowed. Greaves showed traces of the work in hand in the tenth round, but stuck to his task. Leaving their seats for the eleventh time Smith was the fresher of the pair; both led for the dial, and they mixed it, the hitting being in favour of Smith. Greaves only had one hand, the left, and this he kept leading for Smith's dial. A couple of exchanges as the gong sounded. The thirteenth meeting they sparred round the ring, and both hit short. Greaves went after his man, but although he managed to effect a landing with the left it did no damage. The fourteenth round was another repetition of left hand leading by both, and Greaves kept his right hand glued to his chest, making no attempt to use it, hit and get away being the order. The last meeting, as usual, they sparred about, then Smith tried for the ribs, and went a bit business at close quarters. Smith woefully short at long range, Greaves gained the verdict.

ARTHUR WESTLEY'S ASSAULT-at-Arms.—Pentonville Baths are situated on the hill just by King's Cross, and last Monday a full muster of spectators attended to witness one of Westley's fistic carnivals. As usual, Arthur had a permit for amateurs to spar, and with professional bouts forming the principal feature, a good night's sport was seen. 8st Professional Competition: George Dempsey beat "Darkey" Finch; Alf Lock beat Ben Spiceling; Bob Woodley beat T. Roffe; Waterman beat Stone. Semi-finals: Dempsey beat Cook; Waterman beat Woodley. Final bout: Dempsey beat Waterman.—The former set a hot pace from the start, and in the second round Waterman found he had no chance and retired. The following displayed their abilities in the exhibition line, bringing forth rounds of applause, each bout being of the hit-stop-and-get-away order, thus showing the glory of the noble art:—H. Smith and W. Wright, W. Hughes and Professor Barry, F. Parkes and George Penny, and Harry Cave and Arthur Westley. Six Rounds Contest: Bob Dyer beat Tom Derby.—The latter was the heavier, and a hard battle went on till the fifth round, when Derby retired. Six Rounds Contest: Jem Barrett beat Bill Nicholson.—A fight to the bitter end, when the award was as above.

BOXING AT NEWCASTLE.—AT Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, last Wednesday night, there was a good house to see a programme, the chief item of which was a fifteen rounds contest between Andrew Tokell, of Jarrow, and George Corfield, of Sheffield. The men had to meet at 8st 2lb, for £25 a-side, and a purse, £50. The opening work was very quiet, but later Tokell had much the better of the work. In the fourth round Tokell caught his man with a right punch on the jaw, and sent him to the boards, where he lay until counted out. Then the crowd howled loudly, for no sooner did the gong sound Corfield's defeat than he got up smiling. He made absolutely no show, and in the third round went down often without being hit. George Williams and Tom Moody were announced to go eight rounds, but in the third Williams outed his man, while in a similar contest Stephenson knocked out Shannon in the third round. Then Young Carpenter and Jack Page entered the ring for eight rounds, but in the fifth Carpenter, after playing for the wind, sent his man out with a right on the jaw. Young McGurk and P. Murphy were the last pair, and in the fourth McGurk knocked his man out.

WILL W. GEO. CAMPBELL KINDLY send his address to Bill Baker, 32, Daswood Road, New Road, Battersea?

BOXING AT LEICESTER.—MR. Tom Wickwar's Saturday night's show at the Mafeking Gymnasium was well patronised, and the entertainment was an enjoyable one. The programme included the concluding stages of a 7st competition, and a six rounds contest between T. Ward and Harry Sanson. In the first bout of the first-mentioned item, F. Wells beat G. Martin, the winner, by using both hands to advantage, gaining a lead in the first of the three rounds, towards the close of which Martin got home with a strong left. Wells improved his lead in the next bout, and Martin, going weak, was well beaten in the concluding bout. The second heat ended in favour of Ted Smith, who beat J. Stokes. The last-named had a commanding advantage in reach, but the little one was by far the smarter of the two. The first was a hard-working round of a pretty even kind, but Smith, by using both hands well, established a lead in the second bout, which he afterwards materially improved. A. Martin sparred a bye, and met Wells in the semi-final, which was the best set-to of the evening. Martin, with a straight left, made good headway at the start, but Wells improved later, and scoring was very even. Neither could claim an advantage in the two succeeding rounds, but in the extra bout ordered Martin got home with three left-hand blows, which secured for him the verdict. Smith sparred a bye, and faced Martin in the final, which was exceedingly well contested. In the first of the four rounds Martin brought his opponent down with a powerful left, but afterwards Smith used both hands, making mostly for the body. This round, as well as the second one, was very even, but Martin, using his left well, had slightly the best of the exchanges in the third round. Coming up for the last time, however, Smith did most of the aggressive work and received the award, but there was very little in it. In the six rounds contest between Ward and Sanson, the latter obtained a strong lead in the first portion, but in the fourth round Ward inflicted a lot of heavy punishment; Sanson, however, stayed the best, and had won well at the finish.

BOXING AT WOOLWICH.—THE IN-teresting programme which Mr. J. T. Hulls staged at that well-conducted South-Eastern resort, the Drill Hall, Beresford Street, Woolwich, attracted a large attendance last Saturday night. In fact, before the doors opened all the high-priced seats were booked. The programme contained eight contests between picked men, in addition to the exhibition in which Ben Taylor, the coming heavy-weight champion of England, was engaged. Despite the fact that the Drill Hall holds 3,000 spectators it could apparently have been twice filled, judging by the large crowd that arrived too late to gain admission, for the huge building was again crowded long before the proceedings commenced. The opening bout was between Sam Webb and Ted Lee. Previous to this the police took the usual precautions of warning the officials and competitors against any undue violence. The opening contest ended disastrously, as before the first minute in the first round had expired Webb laid down "kidding out." Then came a contest between Crawley and Callam, another great surprise. Callam went down four times, and just before the end of the first round was floored, but time saved him. In the second round he went down again heavily. In the third, wonderfully recuperated, the soldier scored best, but in the fifth round Crawley again floored Callam. The latter again tried to rise, but failed, and was counted out. Eight rounds followed between Denhart and Player. The former was thoroughly game, but Player was naturally the stronger. In the fourth round the referee stopped the contest in favour of Player. Tomlins and King followed, and after a most determined contest, lasting eight rounds, Tomlins won. A go between Everett and Proctor led up to the big event of the evening, but, unfortunately, although Jerry Driscoll was present he had met with an injury to his hand, and his place was taken by Jack Walsh, of Canning Town, who sparred scientifically, enabling Taylor to display his abilities. In this spar, greatly to the amusement of the gathering, Proctor beat Everett after an even match. Other contests followed. Mr. H. Godfrey, referee; Dave Isaacs, timekeeper.

STALYBRIDGE GYMNASTIC CLUB.—Last Monday night Jack Fairclough (St. Helen's) and Tom Morris (Eccles) met to go fifteen rounds, for £30 and a £20 purse. The first round was in favour of Fairclough, who was the cleverer, but in the second round he held repeatedly, and was cautioned. They clinched and held nearly all through the next two rounds, and after many attempts to get them to box fairly, the referee, Tom Gamble, retired, refusing to act further. The principals then left the ring.

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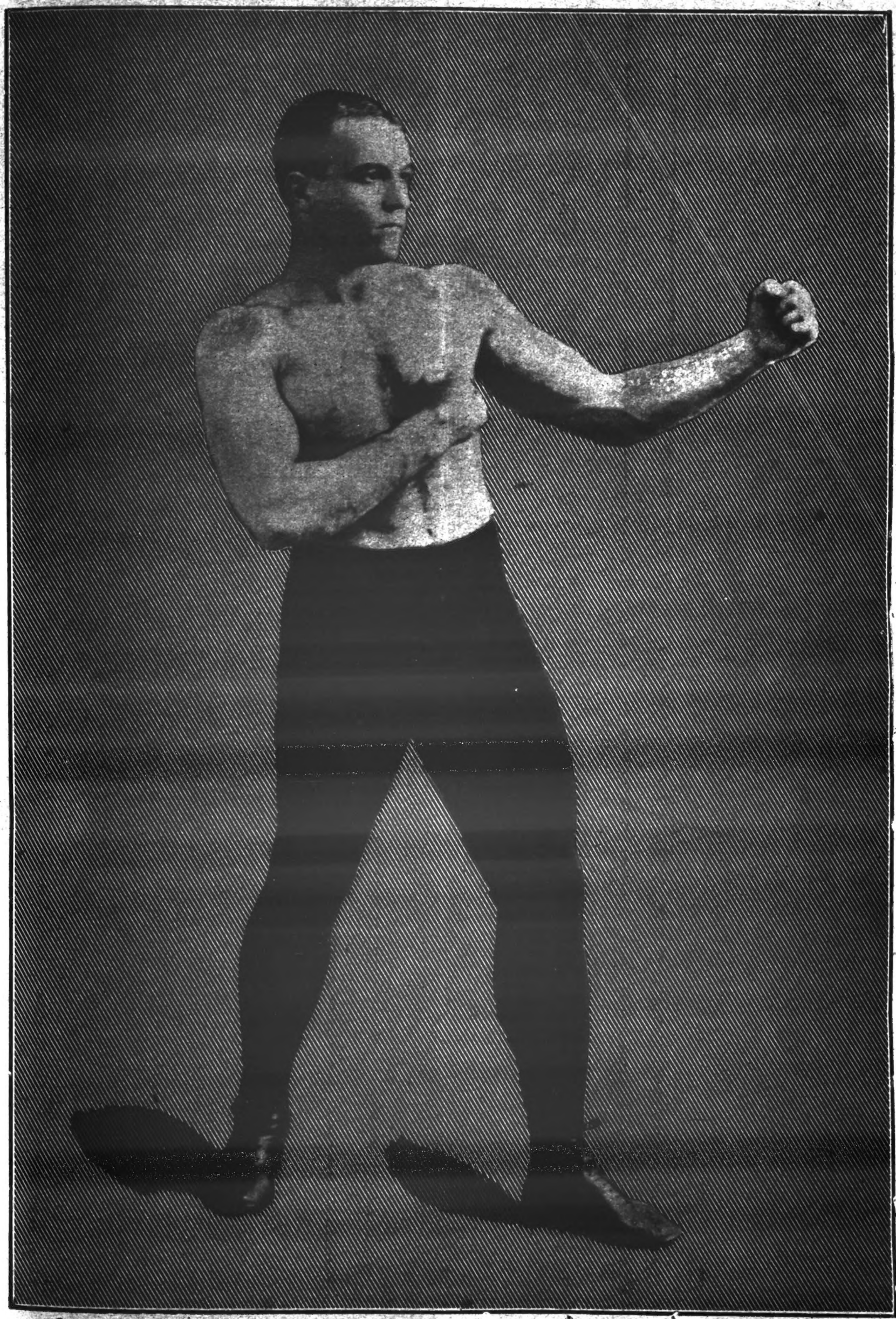
GUS RUHLIN.

Billy Madden's Protege, Matched to Fight James J. Jeffries for the Heavy-Weight Championship of the World at Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.



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BOXING AT WONDERLAND

AT WONDERLAND LAST THURSDAY

evening, Messrs. J. Davies and G. Elliott catered for the amusement of the usual large crowd which invariably frequents the popular hall in Whitechapel whenever the boxing bill is submitted. 9st 8lb Competition: Tom Ireland (Mile End) beat Walter Eyles (Islington).—Eyles did quite as well as his opponent; the verdict deservedly went to Ireland. Harry Ware (Mile End) beat Harry Benson (Hackney). — Thanks to superior cleverness Ware won well. Corpl. Fairclough (Army Service Corps) beat Bill Wood (Bermondsey).—After a poor opening the pace improved, the soldier, mainly with prods in the face, doing most of the scoring. Wood failed to keep the soldier out, and was beaten. Semi-final Round: Ware beat Ireland.—Very little in it the first time, both attacking cleverly. In the second, Ware rushed in with a straight left, Tom using an effective half-arm body punch at close quarters. Ware once forced Ireland through the ropes, crossing him on the jaw. A trifle dazed, the Mile Ender clinched. Frequently in holds in the last stage, Ireland perhaps doing the best work. Altogether it was a very close bout. The judges disagreed, and the referee gave his casting vote to Ware. Fairclough beat Brown.—Brown led thrice without getting a return, and the soldier finding that at long range he was being worsted, went after his man. Sharp rallies on the ropes and honours even. Brown hit the cleaner in the second round, but in the closing one the soldier did the forcing, and won amid tumultuous cheering. The final bout will be decided at Joe Smith's next entertainment. Six Rounds Contests: Alf Greer (St. Luke's) beat Bill Hutchinson (Tottenham).—Hutchinson, a stone lighter and far fitter, made the running at the outset, but Greer, despite his want of condition, fought so determinedly towards the close of the six rounds that he secured the decision. Jack Osmond (Walthamstow) beat Harry Hundreds (Hoxton).—Two light-weights. Hundreds, the son of an old-time warrior, gave a good, game display, but he was a trifle behind his opponent, who had all the best of the in-fighting. Hundreds, once on the floor in the sixth round, was well beaten on points. Willie Groves (Walthamstow) beat Bill Schofield (Hackney).—A most amusing contest. Groves, deaf and dumb, was looked after by another mute, "Dummy" Forest, and the antics of the pair caused roars of laughter. After some stiff exchanges for four rounds, Groves swung on the point, and Schofield went out.

SOME TIME SINCE, WHEN BARnard and Spree were about to meet at Chatham for a side bet of a score and a purse, the backer of Spree objected to a Hebrew refereeing when another Hebrew was meeting a Christian. This objection we thought at the time was absurd, but the way decisions were given at Wonderland in the case of Bert Adams and Barnard (both Jews) on Saturday night make us wonder no longer. *Fiat justitia, ruat cœlum* (let justice be done though the heavens should fall) does not seem to be the motto. If the man in office errs through ignorance it is bad, but if he errs through prejudice it is worse. Details:—Six Rounds Contest: W. Kilby beat P. Jackson.—Neither man exhibited a tendency to go under and fought with a stubborn determination to the bitter end, which culminated in the success of Kilby. Six Rounds Contest: Alf Barnard beat Fred Williams.—The decision of the referee that Barnard was the winner gave rise to the utmost dissatisfaction. Six Rounds Contest: Ben Palmer beat Sam Cook.—The lads engaged in real earnest, and after a very fine fight and a rattling good finish, the verdict was given in favour of Palmer in the second round. Six Rounds Contest: F. Exall beat Archie Wright.—Away to the last call of "Time!" the men battled hard, the climax being a verdict for Exall and a good word in favour of the loser. Six Rounds Contest: S. Cavill beat Willie Stone.—Fighting was hot and strong all through the business, which never for a single moment lost its hold upon the spectators, who loudly applauded at intervals the exertions of the competitors. A fine rally ended the trouble with a win for Cavill. Six Rounds Contest: Alf Paine beat Dave Morbin.—Every round was well fought, and every atom of praise well deserved. When "Time!" was called in the last round there was loud applause, and with this ringing in their ears the men retired, Paine being the winner. Six Rounds Contest: "Thunderbolt" beat Dick Garcia.—Both men left the ring with a good character, "Thunderbolt" winning in three rounds. Six Rounds Contest: Joe Barratt beat George Ware. — The contest proceeded with varying results, every round fairly well fought, and a win for Barratt in the fourth round. 8st 10lb Championship Competition (six rounds): Bert Adams (Spitalfields) beat R. Lee (Kentish Town). — For this event Alf Bowman was referee. Both were looking well when they shook hands, although Adams was rather fine. Lee was in the pink of condition, and at once opened hostilities with a straight left to the head. Adams ducked, and after a clinch both led without effect. Just towards the close Adams reached his opponent's left eye with the right, and went to his corner with a slight lead. He did a little better in the second, but in the third Lee's condition told in his favour, and boxing with great judgment, he rapidly overhauled the local man, and, amidst uproar, commenced to put him all over the ring. Well attended to Adams came up strong for the fourth. He, however, was unable to go the pace with Lee, who hit him at ease, and always had the best of the long-range sparring. In the fifth they commenced to hold, and after a ding-dong set-to, in which Adams opened well with a beautiful straight left, Lee steadied him with a right, and had him going when the bell sounded. Lee punched his man when and where he liked in the final, but Adams's stamina stood to him, and he was fairly fit, though tired, when time was called. Griffiths decided in favour of Lee, Sanes thought the other won, and Bowman decided that the East-ender won. It is seldom, indeed, that the patrons of the house give vent to their opinion in such a manner as when Mr. Harris announced the winner, and the appeal "one for the loser" showed very evidently what the vast majority thought.

HARRY LEE'S SPECIAL AT WONderland.—Last Monday evening Harry Lee and Joe Jacobs put forward a show seldom seen even at this resort. It seems scarcely possible, but such a hold has boxing gained upon the affections of our sport-loving countrymen that they do not care for discomforts providing they can see good sport and get fair value for their time and outlay. Lee and Jacobs marshalled their forces from start to finish in applepie order, and as fast as one pair of boxers left the ring another entered. The Six Rounds Contests resulted in "Cush" Dark gaining a verdict over the eight-weight army champion, Corporal Saunders.—A very hard battle took place from the call of time, the soldier, who appeared in the ring in uniform, having the worst of matters, and Dark won. Joe Barrett beat Alf Lloyd.—This was a pretty scientific bout till the second meeting, when Lloyd went to sleep. Jem Houghton and Bert Gaylor fought for all they were worth, so much so that as they were on even terms at the conclusion the presiding official would not press them further, and declared it a draw. Sam Lewis beat Jerry Donoghue.—The latter was, in the days of the Excelsior Baths, thought to be a champion, but has gone off considerably. A fast opening ensued, and so thoroughly in earnest were the men that they were in holds on several occasions. The award at the close was Lewis. Frank Exall and Tom Snow took the centre for a Ten Rounds Contest, and from beginning to end a grand battle ensued, with the decision going to Exall. The bout of the evening was a Fifteen Rounds Contest between Ike Cohen (Manchester) and Ernest Brady (Newcastle) for £25 a-side and a £25 purse. This proved a grand showing of the noble art for three rounds, and then the other portion of the business was seen, as, finding he had no earthly chance of winning, Brady deliberately fouled his rival, not once, but three times, and gave the referee no option but to disqualify him.

NORTHAMPTON INSTITUTE B.C.—7st 12lb Novices' Competition—First series: E. Ellis (North London School of Physical Culture) beat A. Lawson (Gainsford B.C.); E. Lengthorn (Sayes Court Institute) beat R. Burford (17th Middlesex S. of A.); J. Clark (Northampton Institute) beat J. W. Clare (unattached); W. H. Dott (Gainsford B.C.) sparred a bye with George Suttle. Semi-final bouts: Ellis beat Dott; Clark beat Lengthorn. Final bout: Clark beat Ellis.—Clark made the pace at the start, but steadied himself and boxed well afterwards. Ellis was unfortunate enough to fall over his opponent's foot, but later on Clark went down. Early in the second Clark crossed his man with the right, and nearly settled matters. The last round was well fought out, and on even terms, but Clark's lead gained him the victory. 9st 8lb Open Competition.—First bouts: G. Ansdell (Lynn B.C.) beat D. Lyon (unattached); A. Jacobs (17th Middlesex Rifles S. of A.) beat A. Young (North London School of Physical Culture).—With Young improving towards the close the spectators yelled for him, but Jacobs's victory was pronounced. Final bout: Jacobs beat Ansdell.—The first round was of an even character, Ansdell, who was the taller, managing to keep level with his opponent. Next time Jacobs went after his man, and scored well, but Ansdell was always doing well, although at the end of the round the Middlesex man held the lead. In the last Ansdell played well for the body, and with heavy rights and lefts caused his man to go slow. However, it was a very good affair until the close, but with Jacobs always the more finished boxer, he won. During the evening Jack Roberts (who defeated Curley) and Jem Cook had a fancy spar. Others who boxed were Messrs. W. and G. Collins and J. Poupard and J. Norman.

BEN TAYLOR, OF ST. HELEN'S, will box Young Morriss, Willie Gill, or Tommy Sweeney, if Harry Thorne or Professor Vaughan will give a purse.

BOXING AT GIBRALTAR.

THE LIGHT-WEIGHT CHAMPION-

ship of Gibraltar.—The contest for the Light-weight Championship of Gibraltar took place on February 8 at the Assembly Rooms on the "Rock." Details.—Round 1. As the men faced each other Bowden looked the taller, but this was probably due to the crouching attitude adopted by Plummer. Both men were very cautious, looking for an opening, but nothing happened beyond a short exchange of rather wild round-arm swinging in which no harm was done. Round 2. Both men still wary, Plummer doing most of the leading, but Bowden's defence was good. The latter tried a vicious swing, but his opponent ducked cleverly and the blow passed harmlessly over his head. Time found the men sparring in the centre of the ring. Round 3. A quiet round and nothing exciting. Bowden looked vicious and tried his right, but Plummer was all there, and sparring was the order of the day. Round 4. The men still seemed to be feeling their way, but during the last minute both improved. Bowden finished with his right, got in an uppercut with his left, but not very hard, and then swung heavily with his right, getting in on the neck. Plummer retaliated with a stinging drive over the heart which made his man wince. Round 5. Both very canny. Bowden tried for a knock-out. He clenched his teeth, smiled with a satanic grin, drew himself up, and his right back like a matador in the final act in a bull-ring, and then swung for all he knew. Plummer saw it coming, ducked, and got in a beauty on the mark which made Bowden stagger badly, "Time" being called immediately. Round 6. Both quite fresh, and finessing the order of the day. Few exchanges, what there were being even. Round 7. The round opened with some furious half-arm exchanges and ended quietly, neither man being able to claim any advantage. Round 8. The best round up-to-date. Bowden became more vicious and got home two staggerers on the mark, and Plummer went to his corner with an anxious look. Round 9. Plummer, a bit blown, boxed rather wildly, his hits lacking power, and Bowden, with a straighter lead, had the better of a feeble round. Round 10. The fighting was faster and Plummer improved, but Bowden had the better of some exciting exchanges, getting in two star-gazers, and Plummer went to his corner looking more anxious than ever. Round 11. Bowden came up full of fight and went hard for his man, who, nothing loth, stood up well, but Bowden had the best of some hard hitting, and "Time" found Plummer on the defensive on the ropes. Round 12 and last. Bowden was very vicious and aggressive and Plummer rather baked. Bowden did all the leading, got in two stingers on the mark, hustled his man all round the ring, had him in a very groggy state at the call of "Time," and was eventually declared the winner amidst loud cheers from the onlookers. He thus succeeded in retaining the Gibraltar Light-weight Championship.

BOXING AT FULHAM.—EARLY LAST week lovers of the manly art showed up in strong force at this pavilion to witness the 8st 6lb competition promoted by that well-known boxing caterer, Bill Le Neve. Eight lads had sent in their names to do battle for the prize (a splendid marble clock), but on the list being called over only three answered to their names, a telegram being received from Patsy Oadis stating that owing to the sudden death of his mother he could not appear. The promoter, so as not to disappoint the company, gave the prize to be competed for to the three lads present. The proceedings commenced by E. Sykes and George Spinks boxing three well-contested rounds, making way for W. Caller (Bermondsey) and Jem Sullivan (Sand's End), the latter being quite a contest instead of a friendly bout. Then came the 8st competition. First round: Jack Norman (Fulham) beat T. Crowdley (Fulham Cross).—Great things were expected of Crowdley, but in Norman he met a foeman worthy of his steel. Norman, using both hands in grand style, soon showed he was master of the business in hand, and though the Fulham Cross lad tried his utmost Norman always held the lead, and was returned the winner. Curley (Paddington) a bye with Mike O'Brien (Fulham). Final (Four Rounds): Norman beat Curley.—As was expected, this produced a grand contest. Both lads made a splendid show from start to finish, first one and the other at times seeming to have a shade the best of it, and at the end of the allotted time the judges disagreed, so an extra round was ordered. In this Norman had the best of the deal. The judges disagreed, but the referee gave the verdict to Norman, and this decision gave general satisfaction to the company.

DICK STAMPER, OF WEST HARTLEpool, will box Mick Cochraine, of the same town, any number of rounds for £5, open to £15 a-side, at 9st 3lb, give or take 2lb, or will box John Newey, of Jarrow, or Tom O'Neill, of Gateshead, ten or fifteen rounds if any gentleman or club will give a purse. An early answer to this will lead to business.

ARCHIE SCOULAR, OF GLASGOW, is prepared to make a match with Bill Swift, of Leeds, at catch-weight, for £10 or £15 a-side.

BOXING IN THE CITY ROAD.—THE Central Finsbury Radical Club gave a very good boxing show on Friday night last, the members mustering in strong force, the occasion being two competitions open to novices at 8st 6lb and 9st 6lb. Details:—8st 6lb Novices' Competition: First Series: A. E. Pieri (Columbian B.C.) beat W. Bruce (North London School of Physical Culture).—Pieri took a good lead in the first two rounds. Bruce did better in the final round, but his opponent's early lead gained him the award. J. Williams (Victoria B.C.) beat G. Gladstone (Central Finsbury Radical Club).—Half-way through the third round the referee wisely stopped the bout. A. Norton (Central Finsbury Radical Club) beat A. Ellis (North London School of Physical Culture).—The local lad had a trifle the best of two bustling rounds, and although Professor Newton's pupil did better in the third he was beaten. J. Bryant (Central Finsbury Radical Club), a bye. Second Series: Williams beat Norton.—A gruelling bout from start to finish, Williams gaining the award. Pieri beat Bryant.—Pieri had all the natural advantages, but the local man took a good lead in the opening round. In the second, however, Pieri proved too strong, and the bout was stopped in favour of Pieri. Final Bout: Williams beat Pieri.—A splendidly matched pair, but thanks to a good straight left, Williams piled up points rapidly in the first round. In the second Pieri more than held his own. In the third the lads fought like tigers, the round ending amidst a scene of great excitement. The judges disagreed, and the referee being unable to separate them, ordered an extra round, when Williams obtained the verdict. 9st 6lb Novices' Competition. First series: J. Pottinger (Columbia B.C.) beat A. Crettenden (Central Finsbury Radical Club).—Pottinger set a hot pace in the first two rounds, the result being that he fought himself to a standstill. In the third, however, the Columbia man came again, and won. A. Young (North London School of Physical Culture) beat J. Symonds (Sydney B.C.).—In the second round the referee stopped the bout, and declared Young the winner. T. Kenny (People's Palace B.C.), a bye. Second series: Pottinger beat Kenny.—This bout was a magnificent struggle, the verdict going to the Columbian man. Young, a bye. Final bout: Pottinger beat Young.—Despite the fact that Pottinger had had a couple of heavy bouts previously, whereas Young had done little, he forced the fighting at the start, and took a lead in the initial round. The North Londoner did a lot better in the second, but in the final round Pottinger showed to advantage, and won.

OPEN COMPETITIONS IN EDINburgh.—The Operetta House, Edinburgh, was well filled on the occasion of a complimentary benefit to Charley Ball, one of the oldest masters of the art now practising in Scotland. As marking their appreciation of Ball's past services to boxing, the Scottish Amateur Gymnastic Association granted permission for a number of amateur competitions to be decided in connection with the affair, and their efforts being liberally supported by the services of all the best-known professionals in Scotland, it is satisfactory to know that the benefit has turned out a financial success. The chief event of the Saturday night's proceedings was the meeting of Albert Rogers (Sheffield) and Jem Gordon (Newcastle), late of Leith, who agreed to box eight rounds at catch-weight. The affair gave rise to a lot of local interest. Gordon was the taller and heavier, but the Sheffielder forced the work for the first three rounds, when Gordon's extra weight began to tell, and the Leith lad having, perhaps, the better of the last two rounds, the verdict, a draw, met with general satisfaction. Lachie Thomson and M. Livingstone also greatly pleased the company by spirited bouts. The results of the amateur contests are appended:—8st 4lb Final: J. Kildy (Edinburgh) beat John Lowe (unattached), after three well-contested rounds, in which Kildy, however, stayed the longer. 11st 4lb Final: W. McKeen (G.S.S.P.A.A.C.) beat E. Dickson (unattached) after an extra round, in which Dickson was clearly beaten. 10st Final: H. Fergus (Edinburgh H.), a bye A. Mack failing to turn up. 9st Final, L. Williams beat D. Fergus (Edinburgh H.) after an extra round. M. Livingstone acted as referee, J. McGuire master of ceremonies, and P. Park timekeeper.

ILLNESS OF FRANK GESS.—Frank Gess has only just recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia, after the medical man had given him over. In fact, the doctor said it was impossible Gess could live more than *fourteen hours*—so much for doctors! Having taken an illness, Frank Gess thought he would take a benefit, which will be shortly at the Leeds Boxing Club—a provincial club, second only in importance to the N.S.C. Frank Gess, who was in London last week, was promised by an old opponent, Jack Roberts, that he (Jack) would wind up with Frank Gess.

BOB KENT, OF ST. JAMES'S TO Harry Slough and Jack Hall, of Leicester.—Fifteen or twenty 2min rounds for Jack Haggerty's purse. An answer through these columns will oblige.

BOXING AT NEWCASTLE.

MOST NUMEROUSLY ATTENDED was the Hexham House Saloon, Newcastle, on Saturday evening, and those who were present were treated to the very best of sport. In fact, it was one of the very best of programmes which Mr. James Lowes has ever put forth. It was lengthy, and all the items were greatly enjoyed. The opening events consisted of exhibition boxing, the first pair to make an appearance being Jack White, of Gateshead, and F. Long, of Newcastle. These débutantes made a most creditable show, and more may be heard of them hereafter. There was vigour in their show and skill also. In the meeting between George Cummings and Jack Jones some very skilful work was displayed, the two showing leads and guards in the most expert of styles. So well did they do so that they were heartily applauded. The crowning show, no doubt, was that which was given by Dick Johnson and "Dido" Vardy. This pair of exponents have too often been talked about, so far as their prowess is concerned, to need us once more to tell of their capabilities, and it will suffice to say that they boxed in the best of styles and to the greatest satisfaction of all. After the interval "Darkey" Carpenter and T. Henderson, both of Newcastle, met to box the best of eight rounds. Some weeks since the pair met, when, after five hard rounds, Carpenter put his foe hors de combat, and the sequel was the meeting of Saturday evening. In the first three rounds Henderson fairly held his own, but in the fourth Carpenter went in and had his opponent so far beaten at the end of the fourth round that he received the verdict, but not without Henderson having shown the greatest gameness. Carpenter was seconded by "Spider" Carr, A. McGurk, and T. Bevenidge, and the loser by "Dido" Vardy, J. Taylor, and G. Cummings. After this event the 6st 12lb competition for novices who had never won a prize was commenced, and for this there were eight entries. In the first round and first heat C. Pitford, of Newcastle, beat J. Story, of Newcastle, after the latter had refused to box an extra round. In the second heat J. Nelson, of Newcastle, beat T. King, of Newcastle, very quickly. In the third heat W. Carr, of Newcastle, beat J. Turnbull, of Newcastle, after three hard rounds, and Turnbull refusing to box an extra round. In the fourth heat L. Irwin, of Gateshead, beat "Darkey" Carpenter's novice in half a round. The competition will be ended on Saturday next. Sam Francis was referee and Mr. J. McDine timekeeper.

HARRY WESTBROOK'S SHOW AT Deptford.—On Wednesday evening Harry Westbrook gave a show at the Lecture Hall, Deptford, which resulted as follows:—8st 6lb Competition: Alf Leeper (Canning Town) beat Jack Clayberg (Shadwell).—They were a good match for size, but in skill Leeper was easily first at the initial meeting. Subsequently Leeper held the winning card throughout. 8st Competition: Mick Merryman (Woolwich) beat Geo. Eastwood (Lower Sydenham).—In the third round Merryman landed a heavy thump on the point, which effectually settled the issue. 9st 6lb Competition: Jem Harper (St. James's) beat Jack Taper (Greenwich).—A spirited contest to the finish ended in favour of Harper. 7st 6lb Competition: Bill Connolly (Bermondsey) beat Harry Easterbrook (Deptford).—Connolly won in the second round. Easterbrook received a cheer for his gameness. 9st Competition: Jem Wheeler (Bermondsey) beat Bert Morton (Bermondsey).—Wheeler, the shorter lad, made all the running, Morton being compelled to act on the defensive. The state of things continued throughout the journey, Wheeler winning with great ease. 10st 6lb Competition: Jack Woods (Borough) beat Edward Sullivan (late of America).—Hard give-and-take work ruled in the whole of the rounds. Both tired, and did a good deal of hugging at the last passage of arms. Woods won the best encounter of the evening. Ten Rounds Contest: Ted Moore (Custom House) beat Geo. Raby (Canning Town).—Two bantam-weights. They were most equally matched, and fought with great determination. Moore brought Raby down with a clip on the jaw in the eighth meeting, but he recovered and went well. At the end of the ten rounds Moore received the verdict.

LIGHT-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF England. Messrs. Joe Smith and Bill Dipple require eight entries, and are presenting a £100 gold and silver belt and £150 cash for Light-weight Championship of England and ten great glove contests. Full particulars will be advertised.

BOXING. The Knock-out Blow and how to avoid it. Novices and advance boxers receive personal tuition and practice from Prof. Newton (light-weight champion 1888-1890), who taught and trained thirty winners of open competitions. Boxing classes are now in full swing; also private lessons given daily. Every requisite appertaining to the comfort of the pupils, including shampooing, shower-baths, &c. Full particulars, apply to—**Professor Andrew J. Newton**, North London School of Arms and Physical Culture, 55, Barnsbury Road, N. (Central to Angel and King's Cross).

JACK LYNCH DEFEATS BOB BROWN.

THE CONTEST FOR THE 10st Championship of Ulster, between the above well-known pugilists, took place early last week at the Albert Boxing Club, Commercial Court, Belfast. The usual preliminary exhibitions took place previous to the big event, the most interesting item being a side-splitting "fight" between two well-known local characters named "Spud" Murphy and "Lucky" (a newsvendor), which fairly took the house by storm, at the conclusion of which they were rewarded by a good shower of coppers. Punctually at 9.30 "Father Tom" took the ring and introduced the heroes of the evening. Lynch was attended by Dick Buckmaster, Jack Quinn, and Jem Sharpe. Brown had Jem Gillespie, Ned Smith, and Jem Boyce in his corner. Joe Craig acted as judge, and Jack M'Laverty held the watch. In the first round Lynch started the ball by landing very heavily with both hands, Brown being unable to stall off his rushes, and receiving very heavy punishment, which he took like a man. Rounds 2, 3, and 4 were fought at a terrific pace, Lynch invariably doing all the work, Brown apparently waiting his chance for the other man to tire. From this to the eighth round both men took things easier, when Brown began to waken up a bit, and made it very lively for the Dubliner, bringing him to the boards with a good punch. Brown took the lead in the ninth round, and Lynch had all he could do to stall him off. From this to the seventeenth round both took things easy, Brown being the first to waken up, when he sent Lynch round the ring at a lively pace, and had he kept it up it is the opinion of good judges that he would have won, as he was still strong and fresh. Both, however, again eased off, with the result that at the end of the twentieth round the judge declared Lynch the winner on points.

BOXING AT GINNETT'S CIRCUS, Newcastle.—At Ginnett's Circus on Monday evening Jem Barry met Tom Dixon for the second time, when the tables were turned and Barry defeated Dixon in nine rounds. The Northerner at the start held quite a strong lead, and it looked as if Barry would again have to play second fiddle. In the fifth round, however, a change came o'er the scene, Dixon palpably weakening. In the seventh round Barry, by mere force of strength and better condition, forged to the front, and slowly but surely took the lead. In the ninth round the end came from a hard jolt on the jaw. Dixon sank to the ground and did not rise until 12sec had expired.

BIRMINGHAM AMATEUR BOXING Club.—The weekly display at the club's headquarters, Newton Street, Birmingham, was again well attended, and some really good boxing was witnessed. Although announced as exhibition bouts, every couple boxed their very hardest, to the evident satisfaction of the audience. J. Shaylor put up three hard rounds with J. Cobley, J. Fallon covered a similar distance at a brisk pace with T. Hooper, and, during their stay, Harry Crisp and Jack Smith made the fur fly. W. Reeves put in all he knew against C. Collett. A. Hooper and E. Veitch was a merry mill, while W. Jackson and A. Johnson gave a clever display. Bill Barrett and George Cohen covered three hard rounds. A. Bloxidge and W. Shaylor was an interesting meeting, and the bout between Maurice Greenfield and Tom Costello was worth going a long way to see. The old club is quite as healthy now as it was in the days of Diamond, Hill, Ilsley, and Bill Brown. The last-named still takes a keen interest in everything connected with the Birmingham Boxing Club, and its present sound condition is largely due to his exertions.

THE MANSIONS SCHOOL OF ARMS, —A new boxing resort, situate within a few yards of the Edgware Road (Metropolitan Railway) Station, was opened on Saturday with every augury of success. 9st Competition: Tom Glynn (Marylebone) beat Bill Davis (Westminster), after a very hot but one-sided bout. "Jumbo" King (Lambeth) beat Bill Hartnell (Hammersmith) in a scrambling set-to, after an extra round had been ordered. Final bout: Glynn beat King.—Another good spar. King was the quicker at the outset, and had the best of the first round, but Glynn gradually got on terms, and, using both hands well in the last round, won pretty comfortably. Eight Rounds Contest: H. Clarke (Paddington) beat Jem Harper (St. James's). — The chances fluctuated very much, but Clark, who is a very muscular and strong youth, came with a bit of a wet sail at the finish, and gained the award after a very close finish.

MYER STRINGER, OF GLASGOW, late of Leeds, is willing to box Bill Wallace or the two brothers Watson if any gentleman or promoter of Scotland would give a suitable purse.

CORPORAL SANDERS TO JEM Read (late Dublin Fusiliers). — Sanders would like to box Read ten or fifteen rounds for £25 a-side at 9st 6lb and the best purse offered.

BOXING AT BOB HABBIJAM'S.

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A jester of the Prize Ring, and his name was Joey Jones, otherwise "The eccentric Joey Jones." It was only necessary for Joey to open his mouth for the assembled Fancy to guffaw. No prize fight was complete without the presence of Joey, and it was often grotesque to see one or other of the combatants on the return journey from that famous trysting place, Purfleet, by boat, painfully wrinkling his battered face to grin at some of the witticisms of the eccentric Joey Jones. Bobby Habbijam, in modern boxing, has taken the place of the eccentric Joey Jones as mirth provider to the Fancy. Bobby, however, not only provides mirth, but fighting provender—we will not call it boxing—for the modern Corinthian, who laughs consumedly when Bobby dilates on the punch and its effect.

He laughs at scars who never felt a wound.

And so these modern Corinthians laugh when Bobby has to use up nearly the whole of a towel for one sufferer, who looks as if he had fallen head first into a paint pot. "You ain't laughing now." Says "Better luck next time;" "Just hit him for his mother;" "Give him the one his father owes him," &c., at which the sanguinary youth tries to look cheerful. Blood may flow at Habbijam's, but there is always a crowd of boxers anxious to be bled, and Bob has a big collection from which to make his selection. Proved ability is the Newman Street motto, and such gluttons as recently exhibited in the novice competitions, such as "Buck" Shine, "Boss" Edwards, G. Collins, &c., were in evidence on Friday night. The best six rounds of the evening was that between Jack McQuillen and Jack Lamb. Jack McQuillen came up to THE MIRROR OF LIFE in company with Harry Slough, when the latter said Jack had a guv'nor willing to back him for anything reasonable. Jack's challenge may be seen in these columns. It was a fight all the way through, and very little divided one Jack from the other when the referee announced Lamb the Jack of trumps. In a six rounds contest between "Nobby" Proctor and "Boss" Edwards the latter fell sick in the second round and gave in. G. Collins was far too clever for Bill Young, who was sent to the boards in round three and remained. A. Pereira and Bill Wood (Bermondsey) had a three rounds trial. "Buck" Shine beat Jem Hughes after a fine fight, going all through the six rounds. In a three rounds contest "Ginger" Owen beat Denny Curran, and Paddy Mahoney beat G. Dudley.

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOW- ing letter from Johnny Hughes concerning the Hughes v. Daly contest:—

To the EDITOR of THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

SIR,—As regards my match with Pat Daly, I wish to state the rumours that have been inserted that I was injured by a mule two or three days before my contest with Daly are all untruths, as when I got into the ring with Daly I was fit and well, and no such accident occurred to me. The injury I received was caused in the twelfth round, when I was struck low, which brought about a most unsatisfactory ending to the contest; and had it not been for that unfair blow the contest could not have terminated as it did, so unsatisfactory to all concerned. As soon as I recover from my injury I will box Daly again on exactly the same terms for double the stake, and the referee to be in the ring, as Daly informed Mr. Bettinson and other members yesterday (Wednesday) that the weight suited him. He has no excuse but to give me a return match. I don't think for a moment that the referee saw the blow, or he never would have given the decision the same as he did. But I think he ought to have held his decision until the doctors had examined me, and had given their opinion; but he did not, but gave the verdict to Daly, which I don't think was just to me, as no man that received a blow the same as I did in that round could continue the contest. I would like it to be known that the two doctors were with me for a length of time, that they ordered ice, and both stated it was a serious injury. It was not until seven o'clock the next morning that I could leave the club.—I am, yours,

JOHNNY HUGHES.

Show Ground, High Street, Deptford.

BOXING AT CROYDON. — SIX Rounds Contest: Bill Barnes (Croydon) beat Bert Thompson (Thornton Heath).—In the second round Barnes landed a very thick one on the point of the jaw, which had the effect intended, thus ending the bout. Six Rounds Contest: Joe Elvin (Lewisham) beat A. Grimshaw (Stratford).—These lads were very evenly matched, and at the end of the bout there was little between them. Elvin did most of the leading in the concluding round, and just won. Four Rounds Contest: Pat Allen (Croydon) beat "Tiney" New (Croydon). — Allen did the major portion of the work, and won.

DICK BURGE, "DIDO" PLUMB, Johnny Hughes, and Tom Causer, at their convenience, will oblige by calling at the Hop Pole, "Jolly" Jack Hammond, Gambia Street, Blackfriars.

WANTED.—Lady Weight-Lifter, also Lady Boxer, one capable of Club Swinging, to travel with Variety Company.—Apply by letter only, stating salary and experience, to E., 172, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BOXING AT MARGATE.

IN MANY OF THE GREAT SEA- ports of Great Britain the art of self-defence is to be seen in all its glory, and lately the watering places on the southern coast have also had their turn. A short time ago a fistic entertainment was held at Brighton, and as the sports of London-by-the-Sea fully appreciated it to its full value, its fellow watering place, Margate, was to have one as well. Two of the promising sportsmen, Messrs. Wilson and Rogers, took the affair in hand, and it promised to be a great success. The death of her most gracious Majesty caused a postponement, but the carnival was carried out last Thursday, to the delight of a large body of enthusiastic spectators. The hall looks a quarter of a mile in length, and some of the London lads wished only for a second for Aladdin's lamp to transport the place to Whitechapel. Though styled contests the bouts were simply exhibitions, and as with every trial of strength, proved superior to contests from a scientific point of view. As soon as the London contingent arrived they made for Mr. Foster's house (opposite the station), and after liquidating, went on to the Elephant Hotel, and did full justice to the excellent dinner Mr. Bunting put on. To add to the entertainment and vary the proceedings, a few music-hall artistes were mingled with the bouts, and in their turn met their reward. Miss Mussard, Fred Allen, J. Oakley, and Annie Gallard contributed their share to the show, our representative, Mr. R. Josephs, officiating as referee, and M.C. Harry Croxford as timekeeper, with Harry Lee superintending (as only the champion promoter can) the working arrangements. Jack Scales and Fred Barrett sparred four rounds, while Johnny Thomas and George Cooper went ten rounds. After going the full distance the decision (as per arrangement) was a draw. "Pedlar" Palmer and Bob White sparred three rounds, the little champion going great guns, while Bob also came in for his due reward. Palmer's head work caused roars of laughter, but this was added to when they tried Le Savatte in the last round. The burlesque act of Ernie Plummer and George Elmer was voted as a great thing, and this sketch should be seen whenever possible. Bill Stonelake and Jack Guyon put up the best bout of the night, and their six rounds was a grand display of the noble art, as anyone could see. Ted Pritchard, Harry Lee, Bob Knott, Matt Palmer (who acted as a second), Messrs. Wilson and Rogers were introduced just before the band played the couple for the final bout. This was a four rounds contest, Jem Marsh (Ramsgate) beating Jack Berry (Margate).—Neither knew much about boxing, but made up for it by determination, and hit each other when and where they could. The Ramsgate man was the stronger as well as the better boxer, and after three rounds of hard fighting the bout was stopped, and Marsh returned the victor. The management of the next assault-at-arms has been placed in the hands of Harry Lee and the representative of THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

BOXING AT LLANDUDNO. — ON Wednesday evening last a grand boxing tournament was held at the Victoria Club, Llandudno, under the able management of Prof. Joe Taylor, when the following programme interested the audience. Prof. Joe Taylor (Llandudno) and Alf Harry (Cardiff) boxed three exhibition rounds, which continually brought forth rounds of applause, as both men were in excellent trim. The spectators now got ready for the event of the evening, a six rounds go between Johnny Roberts (Llandudno) and Frank Everett (America), Roberts being seconded by Alf Bright (Newcastle-on-Tyne) and Willie Williams (Llandudno); Everett was looked after by George Harry (Cardiff) and Willie Thornton (Llandudno). Referee, Alf Harry (Cardiff), while Will Owen held the watch. The fight was very hotly contested throughout and kept the onlookers brimful of excitement, a draw being the verdict after the lads had gone the full six rounds. Neither of the contestants looked any the worse after the encounter, and a return battle between the two will be waited for with interest. The evening's performance ended with a four rounds bout between Alf Harry (Cardiff) and Alf Bright (Newcastle-on-Tyne), and here again the spectators were treated to a rare display of ring craft, and everyone left after thoroughly enjoying themselves. Professor Taylor wishes to thank Davy Roberts, M.C., Will Owen, timekeeper, Alf Harry and Alf Bright for their assistance at the performance.

JACK ROBERTS, WHO RECENTLY defeated Will Curley at the National Sporting Club, is about to make an extended tour, and in conjunction with Harry Greenfield will appear at all the principal halls throughout the country. Before doing so Jack invested most of his recent winnings in a business, which he placed under the able care of his better half.

I, F. BLANDFORD, SEAMAN, OF H.M.S. Prince George, will be pleased to box any man in the Channel Fleet at 10st, give or take 4lb, on arrival of ship in Portsmouth.

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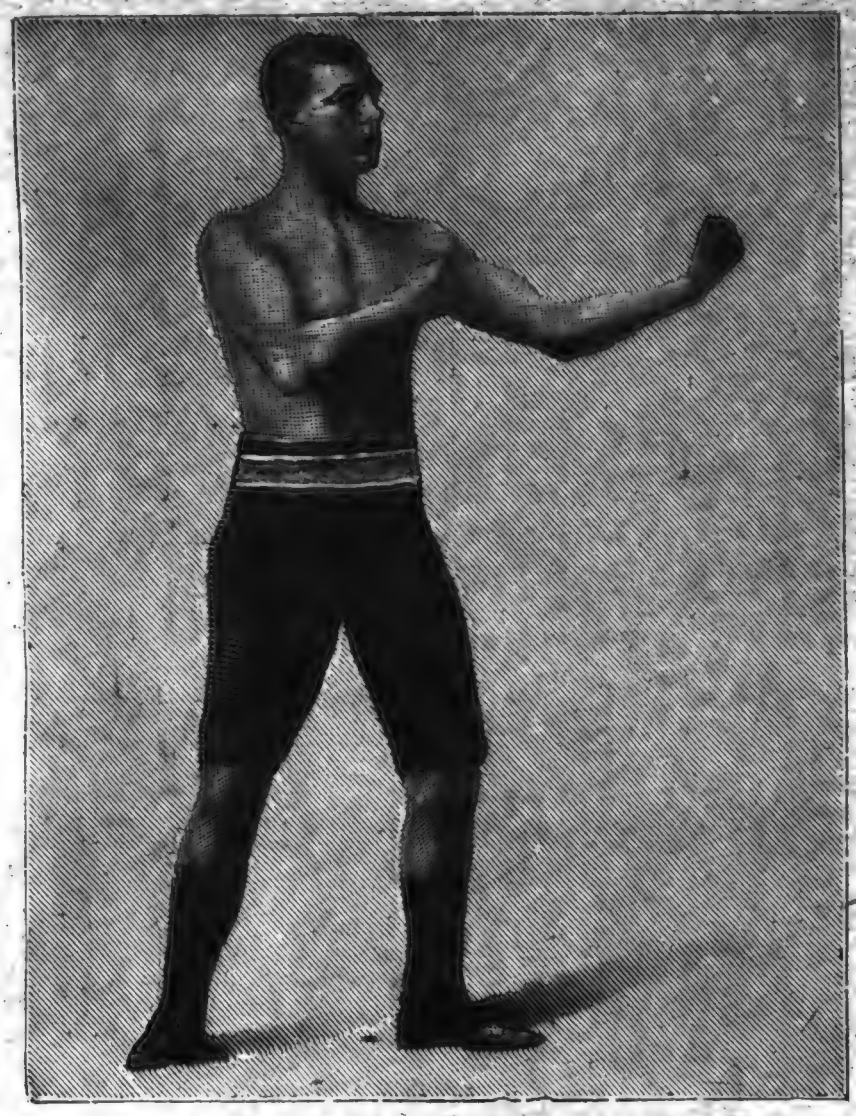


OWEN SWEENEY,

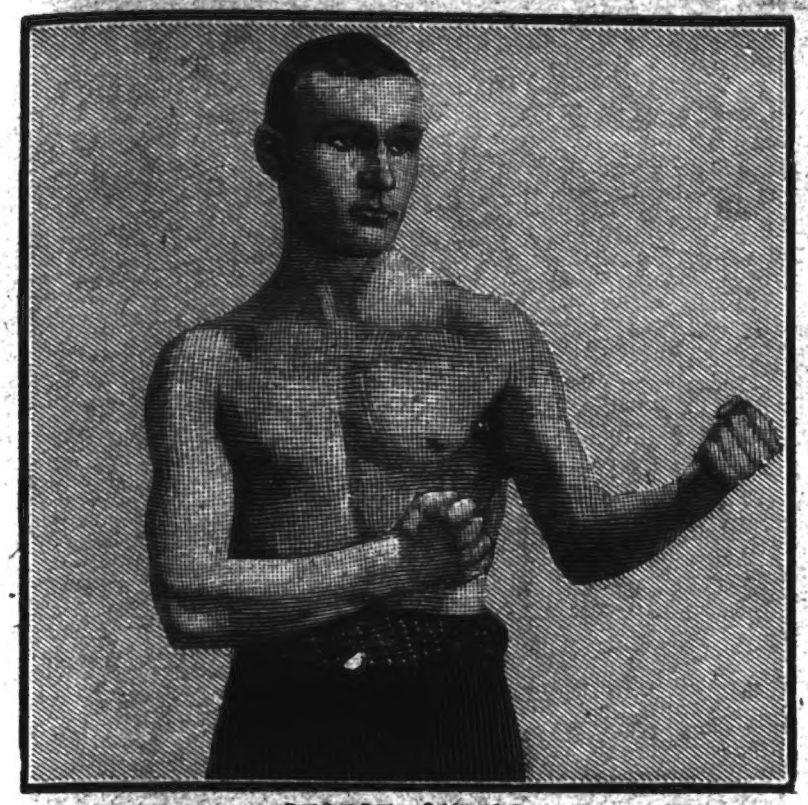
Of Fulham, who was Defeated by George Penny at the National Sporting Club, on Monday, February 11.

GEORGE PENNY,

Of Kentish Town, who Defeated Owen Sweeney at the National Sporting Club, February 11.

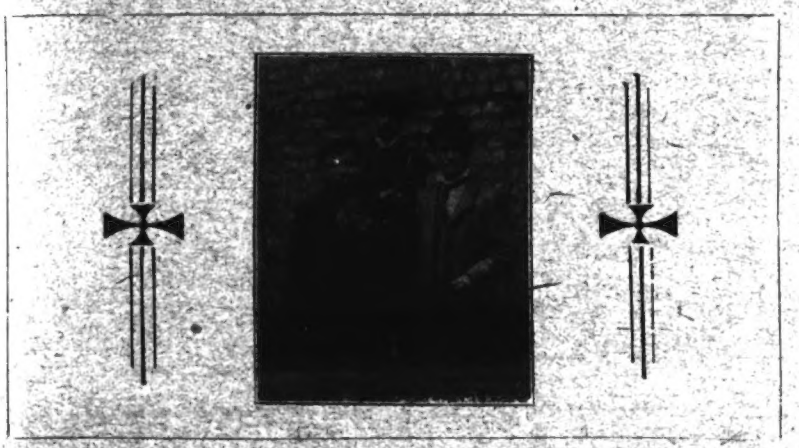
ACCIDENT TO A SLEIGHING PARTY.

A Fast Run Leads to a Misadventure.



GEORGE CHRISP,
Of Newcastle, who Met Jack Scales at Cinnett's Circus, Gateshead, February 18.

"POP,"
The Well-known Boxing Promoter of Newmarket, who will Give a Grand Show at the Tee-To-Tum on Monday, February 25.



"Sawdust" Jack,
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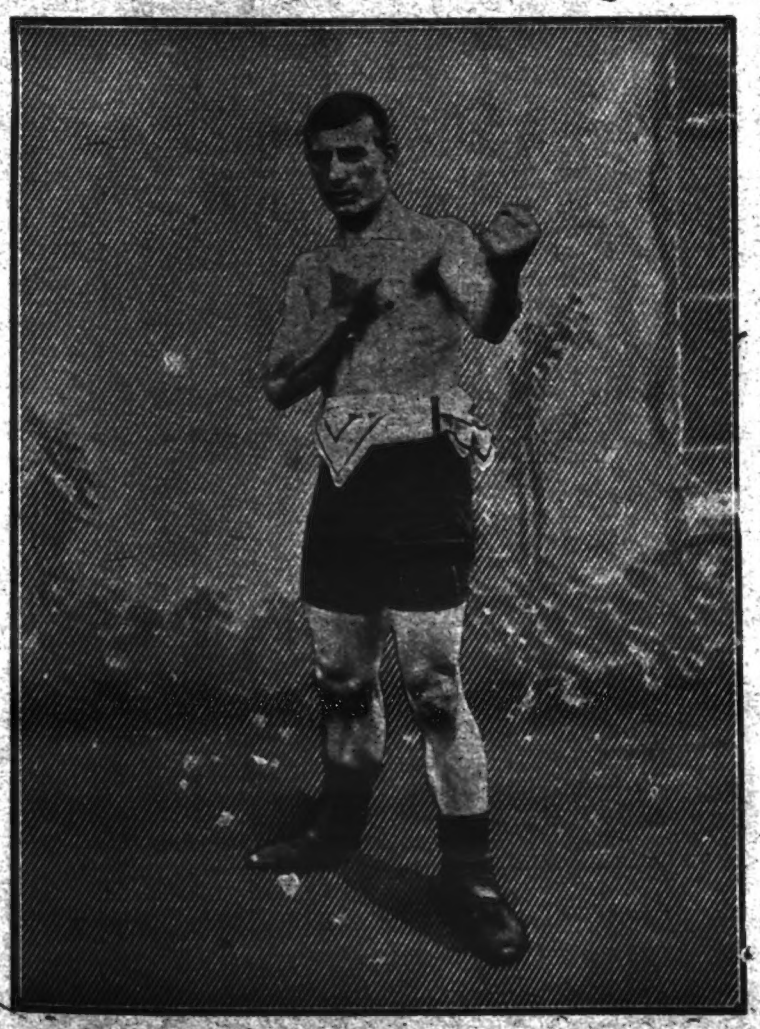

JACK SCALES,
Who Met George Chrisp at Cinnett's Circus, Newcastle-on-Tyne, February 18.

TRIED TO MURDER HIS WIFE.
Became Insane, and Shoots with a Revolver.

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GLOVE CONTEST IN SOUTH WALES.

SOME TIME SINCE WILLIAM Griffiths, of New Tredegar, met Owen Rees for the championship of Rwmney Valley, and won in four rounds, MIRROR OF LIFE referee. Since then William Griffiths has been repeatedly challenged, and he has now made a match with James Arnold, of Brynmaur. The following are the articles of agreement:—

This is to certify that William Griffiths, of New Tredegar, and James Arnold, of Brynmaur, agree to box the best of twenty rounds (2min rounds) under Marquis of Queensberry Rules, at catch-weight, on the 4th day of March, 1901. To compete in a hall agreeable to both parties (distance no object) for the best purse offered, winner to take 75 per cent. and the loser the remaining 25 per cent. of the purse. Twenty pounds (£20) is deposited with THE MIRROR OF LIFE, fifteen pounds (£15) on February 11, and the final fifteen pounds (£15) on February 25. THE MIRROR OF LIFE to provide referee, who will also act as timekeeper, and to furnish gloves.

Signed { CHARLEY JAMES (on behalf of William Griffiths), TOM GODWIN (on behalf of James Arnold).

DAVID MORGAN and S. H. WILLIAMS. } Witnesses to the above.

[We have received £15 from Griffiths, and £15 from Arnold, making £70 in all.—ED.]

W. Griffiths, of New Tredegar, is training at his old show, the Coach and Horses, Stonebridge Park, under the care of "Jolly Jumbo's" head man, Jem Styles, who is matched to box Tom Woodley at Wonderland on the 18th inst., whilst James Arnold is training at the Hope Inn, Dudley, under the care of Tom Dolan, the once celebrated amateur boxer.

BOXING AT CROYDON.—A FAIR attendance of the followers of boxing at this establishment, which is situated in Church Road, Croydon, early last week, to witness the entertainment promoted under the management of J. Bannister and Ted Crowley, which consisted of four glove contests, besides exhibition boxing, which, taken all round, furnished some very good sport, as it was evident all were sound triers. Amongst the exhibition bouts chief interest was centred in the meeting of Ted Crowley and Charley Adams and J. Weavell (Borough) and Arthur Holt (Sydenham). A well-known sportsman officiated as referee for the contests. Mr. Jade was timekeeper, and Ted Carey was an efficient M.C. Details: Six Rounds Contest: Walter Beard beat Charley Grant.—Both combatants hailed from Sydenham, Grant being both taller and heavier than his opponent. Beard, however, possessed more knowledge of the business in hand, and, relying mainly upon his left, scored pretty fast in the opening round, at the finish of which he had a good balance of points in his favour, and maintaining his advantage throughout a well-contested bout, he gained the award. Eight Rounds Contest: "Jumbo" Smith (Mitcham) beat H. Grant (Merton).—Grant was the possessor of all the natural advantages, and from the start the boxing was of the give-and-take order, neither being able to claim any particular advantage up to the fourth round, which was of a very determined character. In the next round Grant scored well, but then fell rather weak, and from this point until the finish Smith scored the faster, and had well won when he received the verdict. Eight Rounds Contest: Bill Horn (Deptford) beat Jack Selby (Sydenham).—This bout was fast and furious while it lasted. Horn, however, used both hands with so much determination that he quickly demonstrated his superiority over his rival, and although Selby boxed pluckily, the referee, finding that he had no chance, stopped the bout in the third round and gave his verdict in favour of Horn. Eight Rounds Contest: Walter Waller (Deptford) beat Alf. Mellor (Clapham).—There was plenty of excitement over this bout, but, like the preceding one, it failed to last the stipulated time, as Waller, who won a competition at the National Sporting Club during the present season, carried too many guns for his opponent, and delivering some sharp blows on the body, steadied him in the opening round, and although Mellor faced the music for two more rounds, he was then compelled to retire.

HARRY SLOUGH v. BILLY HANCOCK.—Harry Slough has been taking careful exercise in view of his match with Billy Hancock, of Leicester, in company with F. Beale, pedestrian, who has been giving Slough sharp spins around Wanstead Park. Harry is down to weight, and will finish his preparation at a South London hostelry in charge of Geo. Cooper, who prepared Fred Morris (Muldoon's "Cyclone") for his battle with "Starlight" for the middle-weight championship.

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GOLDSMITHS' INSTITUTE B.C. Annual Competitions.—Details: 8st 4lb Competition (Open).—First Series: J. White (Battersea F.C.) beat J. Pannifer (Sayes Court Institute).—The opening was rather in favour of the Battersea man, who forced the exchanges in the second meeting, and Pannifer, seeing he had no chance, gave in, and White was returned the winner. T. Friswell (Columbia B.C.) beat H. Perry (University B.C.).—A very evenly-matched pair in weight, although the Columbia man was a shade the taller. However, his opponent fought with great gameness, and gave his rival no rest, with the result that at the end of the second round Perry was quite as tired as his adversary. The closing round was productive of some rattling exchanges, in which Friswell just did sufficient to entitle him to the verdict. Final bout: T. Friswell beat J. White.—When the pair faced each other, Friswell did not look so heavy as his rival, but, despite this, more than held his own. In attempting to be the aggressor during the second meeting the Columbia representative received some nasty jabs from his adversary's right. Friswell went very weak in the last round, however, and White continued to score much the faster, but the judges thought otherwise, and Friswell received the award. H. J. Long (Northampton Institute B.C.) beat A. Butterworth (Battersea F.C.).—A very fine bout. The winner, who was a shade the taller, made good use of his extra reach, and at the end of the first round held a slight lead. The second meeting was very evenly contested, whilst during the third passage of arms Long, who was much the stronger, increased his advantage, and won easily. G. Nurse (Lee A.C.) beat E. Giles (Polytechnic B.C.).—This bout proved to be of very short duration, Nurse cutting out the pace so fast that the Polytechnic man gave in before the first interval arrived. W. Euston (Goldsmiths' Institute) sparred a bye. Second Series: H. J. Long beat E. J. Baddeley.—The Polytechnic member, who appeared somewhat the worse for wear through his previous bout, began fairly well. He, however, in the second round received some very effective blows, which made him very weak, from which he never recovered, and, after a very game encounter, Long received the fiat. G. Nurse beat W. Euston.—Nurse, who was by no means so tall as his opponent, certainly appeared to have a much better knowledge of the game than his antagonist, and, after a very fast round, Nurse beat his opponent just before the expiration of the second round. Final bout: H. J. Long beat G. Nurse.—When the pair, who were both very sturdily built, faced each other, it could quickly be discerned that each meant business, for after a brief spar the boxing was of a very lively character. "Time!" being called with the pair very busy. Long took a big lead in the second meeting. Resuming for the last time, Long was much the fresher, and forcing his man all over the ring, gained the award. 10st Competition (Open).—First Series: J. Dale (Sayes Court Institute) beat H. V. Reynolds (Lea A.C.).—Very little time was wasted in sparring, the exchanges in the opening round being of a fast description, in which Reynolds showed to advantage. Resuming for the second time, Dale improved and nearly equalised matters, and having things pretty well his own way during the concluding meeting, won. A. Warner (Highgate Harriers) a bye, which he sparred with Dan Murphy. Final: A. Warner beat J. Dale.—From the outset the Sayes Court man was very cautious, and after boxing about a minute Warner crossed his man with the right, and sent him to the ground, from the effects of which Dale failed to resume hostilities, and Warner received the award.

JOHN JENKINS, OF PORT TALBOT, in answer to Hugh Morgan, of Penygraig, is prepared to box Morgan at 8st 12lb for £25 a-side, to weigh in at twelve o'clock on the day of boxing, and to box in six weeks' time of signing articles; and to box in Wales for the best purse offered. Jenkins encloses £5 for the above match. No others terms will suit. MIRROR OF LIFE to forward articles to both, and to be stakeholder and appoint referee. An answer with a deposit from Morgan will lead to business. [Received £5.—ED.]

DRUMMER PRICE, ROYAL MARINES seeing that J. Tobin, of H.M.S. Pembroke, would be pleased to box any lad in New Brompton, Chatham, or Rochester, he would be only too pleased to meet him to box at 7st 10lb six or eight rounds for £3 a-side if any gentleman will give a purse, Mr. J. T. Hulls preferred. This challenge is also open to Stoker Dorney at 7st 6lb. An early answer through THE MIRROR OF LIFE will lead to business.

THE BARNSBURY AMATEUR BOXING Club.—At this entertainment, which takes place at the Pentonville Baths on February 28, besides a Six Rounds Contest between Bill Stonelake v. Bill Lampshire and Harry Barrett v. Tom Smith, Jack Roberts will spar his burlesque sketch with Ted Mortimer.

BOXING AT BRISTOL.—AT BRISTOL, on the 12th inst., Harry Harry, of Bristol (8st 6lb champion of the West of England), met Harry Tomlins, of London, in a contest for a purse of gold. For the first two rounds both men were very quiet, but Harry seemed to have slightly the best of matters. In the third both got in some effective work, but Harry's blows, though perhaps less frequent than his opponent's, were much harder and more telling. The next round also was very lively, and some hard blows were exchanged, while Harry was cautioned by the referee for a foul. The succeeding rounds were keenly contested. In the eleventh, however, the combatants apparently lost their temper, and Harry had to be cautioned again. The twelfth round was a disgusting exhibition. Both men, who were still showing temper, persisted in clinging, and the contest degenerated into a wrestling match, which ended in Tomlins being thrown under the ropes and off the stage. The police here interfered, and the referee declared the match a draw. Bill Jordan, of Bristol, met Joe Homewood, of London, for a silver cup, and knocked his opponent out in the second round, after showing excellent form. "Deppy" Thomas and Bill Bott met to box six rounds for a purse of gold, and after a good contest Thomas was declared the winner.

HARRY SLOUGH HAS BEEN authorised to match Jack McQuillin to box Nunc Clark (Bermondsey) at 7st 6lb for £25, open to £50, a-side. A match can be made through THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

MEXICAN MINERS FIRE ON WORKMEN.

Strikers and Mob Law at Palo Alto.

(Subject of Illustration.)

AT Palo Alto, in Mexico, a number of miners refused to work, and struck for less hours and more pay, and riots with mob law prevailed all over the town. Some men who were imported to do the work of the strikers were domiciled in different parts of the town, but the strikers, armed, visited the houses, and while the men were at dinner fired shots through the windows, wounding several of the men. The sheriff was called out, and with a body of troops dispersed the rioters, but the other men had already left the city.

WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO DRINK FROM HIS FLASK

He Had Had Too Much for the Company of Ladies.

(Subject of Illustration.)

THREE ladies dressed in the garb of their religious order and a man occupied the four seats of a corridor train. The man had evidently been drinking, and from time to time drew forth from his pocket a flask, and imbibed further potions of liquor, getting, of course, more intoxicated. This greatly annoyed another lady passenger, and when the man next attempted to put the flask to his lips she sprang up and snatched it from his grasp, and gave him a sound rating on intemperance when in such company.

CHARLEY KNOCK,

Who Met Jack Goldswain at the National Sporting Club, February 18.

(With Portrait.)

CHARLEY KNOCK, of Stratford, claims to be the 9st 6lb champion of Yorkshire. His recent battle with Hominick, of Leeds, lasted 11rd, Knock winning easily. At the City Boxing Rooms, Sheffield, he fought a 10rds draw with Percy Laycock; beat C. Ryder, 1rd; met Jack Goldswain at the N.S.C., February 18, and was knocked out in 2rds.

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"THE SHIP ON FIRE," A SKETCH in five scenes, is playing at the Queen's, Poplar, by G. M. Marriott and Co.

THE GOTHAM QUARTETTE ARE introducing new business into the programme at the London Pavilion in the shape of an operatic burlesque entitled "Princess Lolah: or, The Love of the Rajah of Titipompom." I have always maintained that these clever four are bubbling over with sheer comedy (at times interfering with their excellent singing), so it is hoped they will make the most of their opportunity; it ought to be a very funny show.

FRED ROME'S ANNUAL BOHEMIAN concert takes place to-night (Wednesday) at the Stanley Hall, Junction Road. The first rate programme numbers Miss Amy Brook, Miss Maude Evans, Miss Gertrude Macaulay, Will Edwards, Harry Hall, Wallis Arthur, Graham and Russell, David Beveridge, Ernest Cherry (with character sketches), Rex Clifton (banjoist), and many other favourites who will contribute musical sketches, ventriloquial shows, &c., so that the evening will no doubt prove an enjoyable and merry one.

THE CANTERBURY PUTS FORTH A capital programme, embracing all the varied performances that constitute a variety programme. A prominent feature is the sketch contributed by Joe Elvin and Company, entitled "The Wrong House," which goes with a roar from start to finish. Another popular item is the sensational sketch, "The Worst Man in London," and Miss Lily Burnand, Duncan's Collie Dogs, Clarke and Hamilton (whom I regard as contributors of one of the funniest and merriest turns at the halls), Pat Rafferty, and Valoni are other strong items.

"FLORODORA" IS GOING STRONGER than ever. Willie Edouin is back again in his original part of the professor, and is in splendid form.

A SECOND EDITION OF THE Britannia pantomime, "King Doo Dah," with new songs, dances, &c., was presented on Monday last. The panto. looks like running for several weeks yet.

MARK MELFORD AND CO. CON-tribute a screamingly funny sketch in the capital programme at Collins's. Miss Alice Maydue, the Two Bees, and the clever juggler Bellonini are also in the bill.

DUNVILLE, THE ECCENTRIC AND entertaining youth of "Back Pedal" fame, charming Miss Millie Lindon, and Jules Keller, the upside down man, are with other well-known turns, appearing at the Holloway Empire this week.

AN ALMOST ENTIRE CHANGE OF programme has taken place at the Tivoli. Amongst the new turns will be found a pantomimic sketch, in which two ladies engage in a bout with the foils.

MRS. LANGTRY CONTEMPLATES opening the reconstructed Imperial Theatre on or about April 18 with a new play founded on the life of Marie Antoinette. There are over thirty speaking parts in the play.

THE ALHAMBRA PROGRAMME should result in crowded houses, several new and capital items have been introduced this week. Mdlle. Wermke, a handsome woman, described as the female Hercules, performs marvellous feats of strength, the D'Osta Trio contribute a novel and daring act on the flying rings, Les Quatre Scandias are clever trapeze artistes and athletes, and the Novellos, marvellous equilibrists, are playing a welcome return engagement; some exceedingly good pictures are being shown through the medium of Watson's cinematograph, including the funeral procession of her late Majesty, the State opening of Parliament by the King, &c. "The Handy Man" and "The Gay City" both continue in high favour here, and other clever turns contributed by the Braatz Brothers, the Deonzo Brothers (daring barrel performers), songs by Ian Colquhoun, and the ventriloquial show furnished by F. Millis complete the bill.

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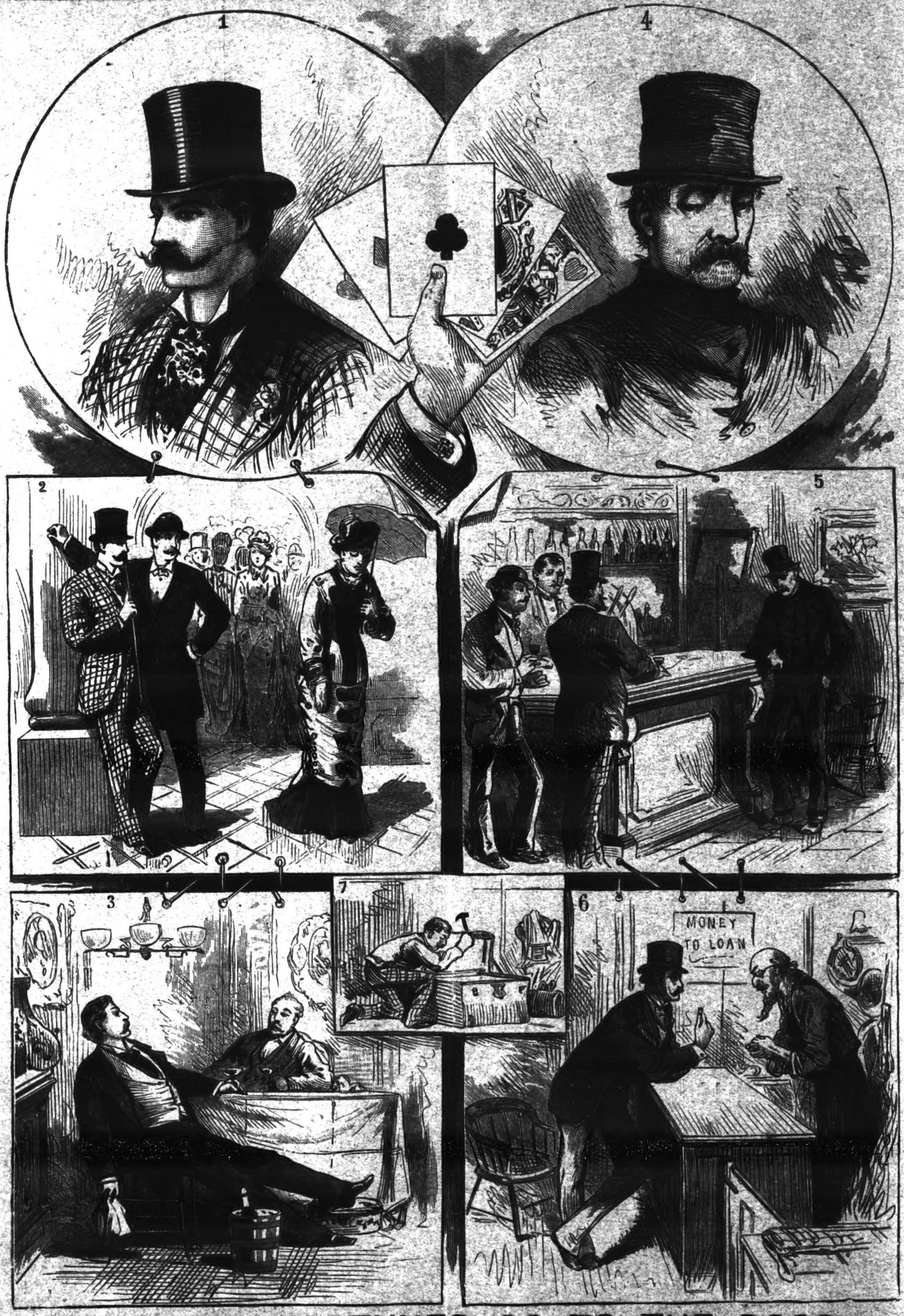

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